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Moment of triumph: Moore with the World Cup trophy in 1966

Bobby Moore, World Cup soccer legend, dies at 51

By John Goodbody
Sports News Correspondent

BOOBY Moore, the captain of the England football team when they won the World Cup in 1966, died yesterday from cancer of the liver. He was 51.

Among the tributes last night was one from the Prime Minister, who is in Washington for his first official meeting with President Clinton. John Major, a football enthusiast, described him as "one of the immortals of the game. He will forever be remembered for leading England to victory in the 1966 World Cup. But he did more than that. He enhanced sport by his example and his behaviour as well as his skill."

Moore died at home in Putney, southwest London, attended by his second wife, Stephanie, and his children from his first marriage, Roberta and Dean. His health had begun to deteriorate in 1986 when he was admitted to hospital with heart trouble. In April 1991, he had surgery for cancer of the bowel.

He kept his illness private until ten days ago, when he issued a statement in response to the increasing number of enquiries about his health. With his customary calm, he continued working and was at Wembley last week as a radio commentator for England's match against San Marino.

Moore played 668 league games for West Ham and Fulham. He captained West Ham to victories in the FA Cup in 1964 and European Cup-Winners' Cup in 1965. He was voted Footballer of the Year 1963-4.

However, he will always be best remembered for his performances for England when his anticipation of play and careful passing made him a exemplary figure. Off the field, he was "the perfect English gentleman", as Pele, his great Brazilian adversary, said last night.

Moore played 108 times for England, most famously during the 1966 World Cup. Sir Alf Ramsey, the manager of that England team, described him last night as the "focus of some great players in a great team. He was person on whom you could totally rely and was a tremendous battler."

Graham Taylor, the current England manager, said: "My enduring picture of Bobby Moore will always be of him lifting the World Cup in 1966. As a young professional player myself, that day he was captain of all of us, not just the England team."

Martin Peters, an England teammate and club colleague at West Ham, said: "I am proud to have known and played with him." Bobby Charlton said Moore was a man who did things "with style".

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Moment of respect: Moore and Pele embracing after Brazil beat England in 1970

Smith in battle with unions on block vote

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

■ A gradual reduction in the trade unions' influence over the Labour party is expected to follow radical reforms proposed by John Smith

JOHN Smith yesterday backed a far-reaching reduction in trade union power in the Labour party, delighting the modernisers and putting himself on course for a clash with some of his union allies.

The Labour leader went further than many in the shadow cabinet had expected by proposing an end to unions' role in selecting parliamentary candidates as well as the election of party leaders. He promised to bring forward a rule change at this year's party conference introducing a one member, one vote system for choosing candidates and reselecting MPs.

Mr Smith, announcing what he said would be one of the most significant democratic advances in Labour's history, also backed a gradual reduction in union voting strength at party conference and the demise of the block vote in its historic form.

If his proposals are supported next autumn, union delegates at the conference will vote as individuals, reflecting the shades of opinion within the union. The spectacle of union leaders casting hundreds of thousands of votes will have gone.

Mr Smith pleased party reformers, some of whom had doubted whether he intended to press on with Neil Kinnock's modernisation drive. Last night it emerged that changes in the way the national executive is elected could also come forward this year.

Mr Smith disappointed union leaders, notably John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, by telling them that their plan for a register of Labour supporters within the unions could not be completed in time for this year's conference and the subsequent round of MPs' reselections. The register would have allowed the unions a continuing say in parliamentary selections.



Morris: there must be consultation on change

While Mr Smith backed the idea of a register as a way of building up the party's support and membership, the chance of it being used in choosing Labour candidates for Parliament is negligible.

If, as expected, Mr Smith's reforms go through, the following changes will be made to Labour's constitution:

- ☐ Parliamentary candidates will be selected, and MPs reselected, by party members in the constituency. The unions will lose their 40 per cent of the vote.
- ☐ Labour's leader and deputy leader will be elected by MPs and party members, each having 50 per cent of the vote. The unions will lose their 40 per cent of the vote.
- ☐ The union share of the conference vote will be gradually reduced from 70 per cent (to which it is being cut this year) to 50 per cent. Union delegates will cast their votes as individuals, not as a block.

Mr Smith told the executive his proposals would give party members more power than ever before. "I want to keep the relationship with the trade unions a strong and healthy one. I'm proud of our history together and I think we've got a very good future together. But what we are engaged in is modernising our democracy, individualising the participation of people and organisations in the Labour party on the guiding principle of one member, one vote."

Union members of the national executive gave muted reactions after yesterday's meeting and pledged to continue campaigning for the register. Tom Sawyer, deputy general secretary of the public employees union Nupe, predicted some union opposition: "The unions will be disappointed, obviously, because he has not given them everything that every union wants. But I think he has given the unions enough to feel they are still very much part of the Labour party."

Elsewhere Bill Morris, general secretary of the transport workers' union, declined to comment on Mr Smith's proposals, but his misgivings were plain. He said: "The leader has to lead. He has to make his position clear, but the position has to be part of the consultative process."

Among unions that back reform, Gavin Laird, of the engineers and electricians, said Mr Smith had backed "what is quite simply the most democratic way forward for the Labour party."

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Tomorrow

The Times will tomorrow carry the first of a series of monthly reports on the state of British opinion, conducted by MORI. It will cover the state of the political parties and the standing of party leaders. It will also identify the issues currently of most concern to the British public and, through an Economic Optimism Index, its view of whether economic recovery is yet under way.

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Sleet and snow are on the way

By Ian Murray

WINTRY weather will spread across the country over the next few days as strong Arctic winds bring sleet, snow and ice to many areas.

Meteorologists say that some of the heaviest rain of the year will sweep across most of the country today, with sleet and snow showers covering higher ground. The winds will increase the chill factor and overnight temperatures will fall to around freezing.

The cold will intensify tomorrow with snow flurries further south. Overnight temperatures will plunge to -4C even in the South, causing a heavy frost on Saturday, and temperatures are unlikely to exceed -2C that morning. Blustery winds will buffet the country throughout the weekend and although there may be some bright patches cloud cover will build up on Sunday and early next week.

British Rail said: "We are aware of this forecast. It seems it is likely to be much worse in the North, but we are ready to cope with the bulk of any bad weather." AA Roadwatch said motorists in the South East, who had no recent experience of poor conditions, should check anti-freeze, water and brake fluid levels.

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Major reassured over US trade war threats

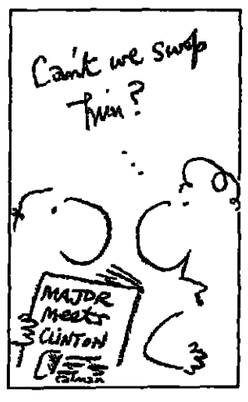
From Peter Riddell, Political Editor, in Washington

JOHN Major was last night reassured that President Clinton remains committed to free trade, although no concessions have been offered on any of the disputes between America and Europe.

The prime minister's hectic day of meetings with Mr Clinton, almost all his main cabinet officers and leaders of both parties on Capitol Hill was dominated by discussion of trade, the world economy and Russia's problems. A senior British official said that Mr Major was rather reassured and happier than before he arrived about the Clinton administration's commitment to free trade.

Mr Major has been prepared to give the White House the benefit of the doubt for some of its recent remarks threatening tough action. He has believed these have been part of normal political exchanges and have not signalled a switch to protectionism. He repeatedly emphasised yesterday the need to get a satisfactory deal under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to start the world economy moving.

Concern in Europe arose after strongly worded statements by President Clinton and his advisers which threatened increased tariffs on a wide range of British and European goods. In particular, British ministers and officials have been worried about American attitudes to the European Airbus project, possible quotas on steel imports, the imposition of much higher tariffs on mini-vans and utility vehicles and an unravelling of the Uruguay round of Gatt trade talks.



A senior British official said that Lloyd Bentsen, the American treasury secretary, had underlined the administration's commitment to a multilateral approach to solving trade problems and to the renewal of the fast track authority for simplifying congressional approval of any deal. Mr Bentsen reportedly praised the British part in helping the EC to agree to the Blair House accord on farm subsidies last autumn.

However, Mr Bentsen offered no concessions or promises over the controversial proposal to raise the tariffs on imported mini-vans and utility vehicles, from 2.5 per cent to 25 per cent. This is mainly aimed at Japanese imports, though it would severely damage the prospects for Land Rover's £100m market in America. British officials have yet to find a solution to this problem, although Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, has written to Mr Bentsen on the issue.

Similarly, there was no hint from the administration of any movement on steel quotas or some of the other outstanding trade differences.

Visiting Capitol Hill, Mr Major gained the impression from congressional leaders

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Wealthiest duke quits Tories over lease Bill

By Jonathan Prynn

THE Duke of Westminster, Britain's richest man and owner of swaths of Mayfair and Belgravia, has resigned from the Conservative party in protest at the government's "divisive" property reforms.

The duke will be one of the biggest losers under the government's Housing and Urban Development Bill, which gives leaseholders the right to force landlords to sell them their freeholds in return for limited compensation.

He has estimated that he will forfeit up to £250,000 to every "enfranchised" leaseholder on his 300-acre London estate, valued at an estimated £3.5 billion.

Stephen Maund, the agent for the Conservative Party Association in Chester, which has the duke as its president, said he had received a letter of resignation on February 3. "We were not shocked," said Mr Maund. "We could read the writing on the wall. He had made his unhappiness clear."

The resignation ends a long association between the Grosvenor family and the Conservative party. The 41-year-old duke headed his local party association for more than 20 years and his father was a Conservative and Unionist MP in Ulster.

In a speech to the British Property Federation Conference last month the duke said that the bill would damage historic areas, remove choice and increase disputes between neighbours.

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Business reduced to a lottery in the bored room

From Tuesday's session I reported John Major's annoyance that John Smith is pursuing what our PM called "sound bite" politics. Nobody could accuse Mr Major of that, but we identified a sound suck in one of his answers, and went on to spot sound gargles, sound chews and sound chokes from the back benches.

Yesterday brought the sound dribble. It came, I fear, came from the new Liberal Democrat MP for Cheltenham, Nigel Jones.

How shall we describe him? Mild-faced and bearded, in early middle-age and doubtless a worthwhile and interesting chap to all who know his work, Mr Jones achieves, as an orator, a rare and surprising feat. He is so boring that he actually draws attention to himself as a parliamentary phenomenon. Nobody can believe that anyone can be so boring. They drop what they are doing and look up in wonder. As he drones on, all talk ceases in the Chamber. Heads shake disbelievingly. Senior MPs recall other hon members, now departed, famous for their boringness, and inwardly concede that this latest, from Cheltenham, takes the biscuit.

Mr Jones had something to say about local government spending by the Gloucestershire County Council, but nobody can remember what it was. Journalists' jaws and pencils dropped, stunned into inactivity. On Mr Jones went, and on, and on: his voice soft, his beard waggling gently, his argument strolling down every corridor in Gloucester County Hall.

It was supposed to be a question, so after what seemed an age, Miss Boothroyd, who had been fidgeting wildly, shot up like a scalded cat, and, in a tones which hardly hid a sort of internal panic, asked MPs, *please*, to be "crisp". The realist in Jones told him he will never be crisp, but that he had better be brief. He sat down.

After that, we needed entertainment. Luckily, yesterday was raffle day.

Every so often they draw a raffle at the Commons. Rather grandly, *Hansard* calls it a "ballot for notices of motions" but its purpose, like any lottery, is randomly to pick a handful of winners. The prize — much sought-after by frustrated back-benchers — is the opportunity to lead a debate of one's own choice on a Friday in the calendar ahead.

Sadly, there is no spinning drum, but Madam Speaker read out names pulled from a special box by Mr Limon, her glamorous assistant: an antique and bewigged forerunner of the TV quiz-master's bimbo but known in the Commons as Clerk Assistant. Mr Limon's first name is in fact Donald. Our new Speaker, who is ringing the changes, might consider saying "give us a twirl, Donald, and pull out those lucky numbers!" But yesterday she said nothing beyond calling out the names.

This she did moments after the minister answering the final environment question had sat down. He was called David Maclean.

The Chair named three winners, the last two: "David Lidington" (C, Aylesbury) — much cheering — and "David Evans" (C, Welwyn Hatfield). *Hear, hear!* Then she called "presentation of bills: Mr David Porter" (C, Waveney) was first. And second? "Mr David Amess" (C, Basildon).

Four Davids in fewer minutes. Your sketchwriter returned to his desk, reached for *The Times Guide to the House of Commons* and counted the Christian names. The runners-up are James (20 of them), Peter (23) and Michael (31). There are 41 Davids. There are 51 Johns. There are 59 women.



Old guard: President Chaim Herzog of Israel inspecting a guard of honour of the Coldstreams, with whom he served in the second world war, at Buckingham Palace yesterday. He is on a four-day visit to Britain

Autopilot failure at Gatwick matches BA near-disaster

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

A FORMAL accident investigation has been launched into how a Boeing 747 jumbo jet narrowly missed buildings at Gatwick airport in an incident that seems to have been a carbon copy of that which led to the trial and conviction of a British Airways pilot. Captain Glen Stewart was later found dead in his fume-filled car.

A Continental Airlines jet, fitted with the same kind of navigation equipment as the aircraft flown by Captain Stewart, failed to lock on to the landing instruments at Gatwick early this month and came within 100ft of the airport's south terminal before aborting its landing.

The incident took place on February 7 as the pilot relied on his auto-pilot to establish the aircraft on runway 26 at Gatwick. As the Boeing dropped below 1,000ft, the crew noticed that they were well to the right and aborted the landing. The same thing happened on a second attempt and this time the aircraft came within 100ft of buildings and the main terminal, which was packed with passengers. The pilots then landed manually.

Captain Stewart was fined £2,000 and lost his licence after being found guilty of criminal negligence when his 747 strayed from its landing path and came within 12ft of crashing into a hotel alongside Heathrow airport's main runway. In both cases, the aircraft showed the same degree of divergence from the centre of the runway. Last November, Captain Stewart was found dead in his car.

After the Heathrow incident, which prosecuting counsel said could have led to "death and destruction as to place the accident among some of the worst in aviation history", the Civil Aviation Authority decided to launch a prosecution without calling in the accident investigators.

This time, investigators have been called in immediately to find out why the Continental Airlines 747-200B, arriving from Houston with 223 people on board, failed at least twice to lock on to the runway navigation system.

Captain Stewart maintained his innocence of the charges at trial in April 1991, insisting that he, too, had had difficulty in establishing the aircraft on its instrument approach. The prosecution claimed that he had failed to react quickly enough in spite of warning lights flashing in the cockpit telling him that the aircraft was not properly aligned with the runway.

Captain Stewart, 54, had tried unsuccessfully to start a new flying career and always claimed that he had been made a scapegoat.

Support likely for end of block vote

More unions fall into line behind Smith's reform of party rules

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

TRADE unions look likely to support John Smith's proposals to change the Labour party's rules in favour of one-member one-vote for the selection and reselection of MPs.

Most of the party's 29 trade unions are ready to support a reduction of their block votes at the party's annual conference, and remove themselves from the election of the party's leader.

Until Mr Smith's long-awaited intervention yesterday into the argument over the links between the unions and the party — in effect rejecting the range of options proposed in the report of the working group on the links in favour of one-member one-vote (Omov) — the unions had been sharply divided over their future role in choosing MPs at local level.

Even pro-Omov union leaders were stressing privately before Mr Smith's move that a mere statement of support for Omov from the party leader might be insufficient to swing the bulk of the unions' votes behind him. But Labour and union Omov supporters last night were stressing that the crucial difference was his recommendation of a specific rule change.

Previous consultations in 1990 and 1991 produced big majorities among trade union members for Omov. However, the issue will not be decided by consultation, but by the block votes of the unions at the party's annual conference in Brighton in September, the very votes the unions will be voting to reduce.

The arithmetic of the union block votes looked tight for Mr Smith yesterday, but pro-Omov Labour and union officials are confident that given Mr Smith's strong lead, the majority in favour will increase as the string of union conferences this spring reach policy decisions.

They expect a hard core of unions, including the National Union of Mineworkers, FBU fireworkers and FTAT furniture workers, to refuse to endorse any change. While their decisions may be embarrassing for Mr Smith, the number of hard-line votes against change may total no more than 200,000.

Likely Omov votes among the unions already total about 1.65 million, and Labour insiders believe perhaps as many as 500,000 of the votes held by constituency parties could take the total above two million.

At present, three large unions with a total of almost 2.2 million votes — the TGWU, GMB general union and Nupe — all favour a "wider franchise", or Omov plus a variety of possible extra votes for trade union members, including the idea of registered supporters.

But pro-Omov supporters believe that given Mr Smith's proposed Omov rule change, possibly Nupe and the GMB general union might swing in behind the leader. They also hope the previously hard-line MSF general technical union, with 304,000 votes, will not join the hard-line status quo group.

The TGWU transport workers are unlikely to shift. Bill Morris, general secretary, said: "Trade unions bring strength to the Labour party. The party would be absolutely mad to throw that away."



Smith: his move was long-awaited

Major is reassured over trade

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that both parties were committed to securing an early completion of the Gatt round.

As during his visit to India last month, Mr Major involved two leading British industrialists in some of the discussions. Sir Michael Angus, president of the CBI, and Howard Davies, its director-general, were, unusually, present at a lunch held for senior administration members at the British embassy.

During his talks yesterday Mr Major welcomed Mr Clinton's proposal in his State of the Union address last week to tackle America's structural budget deficit, but he did not comment on the mix of tax and spending measures.

The economic outlook will be the focus of talks in London on Saturday between the finance ministers of the Group of Seven industrial countries, to be chaired by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor.

The government opposes calls for a comprehensive global recovery package and proposals for a fullscale summit of G7 heads of government before the scheduled annual meeting in Tokyo in July.

British ministers believe that no useful purpose would be served by such a meeting and they are wary of talk, on both sides of the Atlantic, about co-ordinated action to change the pattern of exchange rates as happened following the Plaza and Louvre accords in the 1985-87 period. British ministers believe such action can be counter-productive.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Merseyside classed among EC's poorest

The European Commission yesterday officially recognised Merseyside and the Scottish Highlands and Islands as among Europe's poorest regions, making them eligible for hundreds of millions of pounds of aid to the end of the decade (Tom Walker writes). It is the first time that any regions in mainland Britain have been classified on a par with the most deprived areas of Europe. In economic terms the regions are considered in the same bracket as most of former East Germany, Greece, Corsica and Sicily.

Bruce Millan, the EC's regional policies commissioner and a former Labour minister, said: "Merseyside is generally recognised as having some of the most serious industrial and social problems in the UK."

☐ Japan has chosen Wales as the first British region to warrant the appointment of an honorary consul. Robin Geldard, 57, a solicitor, takes on the role from next month the principality's first diplomatic representative for Japan.

GPs referring 'too few'

Undertreatment may be widespread in the NHS, according to a survey showing that GPs are failing to refer ill patients to hospital. The survey of 6,500 patients found that 11 per cent were attending out-patients but a further 3 per cent said that they should have been referred. The study was done in ten areas, chosen randomly, by the Institute for Social Studies in Medical Care and funded by the health department. Ann Cartwright, of the institute, said: "Not all of those who wanted to be referred should have been but we found little evidence of over-referral and some of those not referred were getting poor care from their GPs." Only 2 per cent of referrals were thought unnecessary by hospital doctors surveyed.

Girl 'divorces' mother

A High Court judge has ruled that a 12-year-old girl who wanted to "divorce" her mother can live with her foster parents. The girl, from Leeds, was fostered with the family when she was three months old and continued to see them and go on holiday with them even after returning to live with her mother eight years ago. Her solicitor said yesterday that the girl, who had been treated as a drudge by her natural mother, was thrilled with the decision. "I have spoken to her and she is absolutely delighted," he said.

Irish face income levy

The Irish government yesterday placed a 1 per cent income levy on all earnings over £9,000 in an attempt to fight record unemployment, which last month exceeded 300,000 for the first time. This is 16.8 per cent of the republic's workforce, the worst figure in the EC. Bertie Ahern, finance minister in the new Fiana Fail/Labour administration, said in announcing the government's first budget that the levy would bring in £130 million a year. A state job fund of £260 million is being half-funded by the EC.

Salmonella tests end

Compulsory testing of commercial egg-laying flocks for salmonella was ended last night by John Gummer, the agriculture minister, even though Britain is undergoing its worst epidemic of food poisoning caused by the bacterium. Earlier this month he said flocks infected with salmonella would no longer have to be slaughtered.

By-election candidate

Lindi St Clair, the prostitutes' rights campaigner and self-styled Miss Whiplash, said yesterday in a letter faxed to the Press Association from Papua New Guinea: "I intend standing as the Corrective party candidate at the forthcoming Newbury by-election." The by-election arises from the death of the Conservative MP Judith Chaplin.

Time-wasting charge

Joanna Grenside, 25, an aerobics teacher from Harpenden, Hertfordshire, is to be prosecuted for wasting police time, police said yesterday. Miss Grenside has been summoned to appear before St Albans magistrates on March 10. She was missing for two days after disappearing on December 16 last year while on her way to take an aerobics class.

'Stroll toll' proposed

Landowners should be able to charge a "stroll toll" for allowing the public to walk across their property, David Maclean, junior environment minister, suggested yesterday. He said that it was the only way to raise enough money to pay for new paths, though there was no question of charging for the use of existing public footpaths and bridleways.

Sale may have sealed fate of power station

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

BATTERSEA power station might have to be pulled down as a result of its sale yesterday to the Hwang family of Hong Kong.

The property-developing Hwangs have said they want to preserve the Grade 2 listed building, which was opened in 1937. However, since the roof was removed five years ago, deterioration has raised fears that the structure might have to be demolished.

The building, whose four chimneys rise 370ft above its 15-acre Thames-side site, was last used as a power station in 1983. It was then bought by the developer John Broome, whose leisure complex plans were resisted by local residents and environmentalists before foundering for lack of cash. The Hwangs will be appointing architectural consultants to assess the building. They are believed to be planning either a leisure complex or a business and residential scheme.

SAVE Britain's Heritage said that any application to demolish the building would be fought fiercely by Londoners. Marianne Watson-Smyth, of SAVE, said: "There is huge interest in this building. I don't think that Londoners will sit by."

By law, listed buildings can be demolished if the environment department consents on the grounds condition or cost.

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Duke's personal fortune is greater than the Queen's

BY ALAN HAMILTON

■ The Duke of Westminster's resignation from the Tory party focuses interest on the origins of our wealthiest landlord

OF ALL the things that distinguish the Duke of Westminster from the Queen, the most germane is that he is almost certainly the richer. His personal fortune was last guessed at as exceeding £640 million, yet the source of his wealth, the Grosvenor estates, last year recorded a loss of more than £20 million.

Gerald Grosvenor, 41, the sixth duke, achieved his position as England's premier landowner largely through his forebears' propensity for felicitous marriages. In 1677, Sir Thomas Grosvenor married 12-year-old Mary Davies and thereby brought into the family 300 acres of what is now known as Mayfair and Belgravia. The collapse in the property market has devalued what was hitherto the nation's most prized holding of real estate. The duke, a quiet family man, does not seem unduly troubled.

The Grosvenors descend from Robert le Grosvenor, who was granted land near Chester in 1160. The present duke still regards Cheshire as his home, living in Eaton Hall, a modern excrescence widely regarded as the grandest surviving example of tasteless 1960s house-building, and described by the Prince of Wales as the "Inn on the Park". Late in the last century, Queen Victoria elevated the Grosvenors to ducal status when she created the only non-royal dukedom of her reign.

There was more than a decade of nail-biting at Eaton Hall after the duke's marriage in 1978 to Natalia Phillips. The couple produced two daughters, neither of whom could have inherited the title. But, in 1991, Hugh was born and the succession assured.

"Gussy" Grosvenor was educated at Harrow, which he says he hated and where he achieved two O levels. He is much liked by friends, and particularly enjoys his part-time role as a Territorial Army officer. He has never been particularly active on the political scene, although he was chairman of his local Conservative association in Cheshire for 17 years.

The duke has holdings in Canada, the United States and Australia, as well as his core estate in central London. As the landlord of most of Belgravia and Mayfair, he has been known for increasing his rents regularly, resisting the sale of freeholds to tenants and charging a film company £20,000 to shoot in Chester Square.

He is also known for unprompted acts of kindness. When the wife of Norman Tebbit was disabled in the Brighton hotel bomb of 1984, the duke immediately provided the couple with a London property equipped with every kind of device to ease Margaret Tebbit's mobility.

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CORRECTION

Chairmen of community health councils are not, as reported on February 17, government-appointed, but elected by CHCs from their membership.

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Pele leads the plaudits to the elegant defender who combined strength with courteous fairness

Soccer's gentleman who led England to their finest hour

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

WHEN Bobby Moore raised the World Cup after England's victory over West Germany at Wembley in 1966, he became the most celebrated sportsman of the era, a blond figure known for his immaculate looks, his powers of leadership and his precise defensive skills.

"He is the greatest defender I have ever played against," Pele, of Brazil, said after their confrontation in the 1970 World Cup in Mexico. He was also one of the game's great gentlemen, Pele said last night after the news was announced of Moore's death from cancer at the age of 51.

Moore was a symbol of English sport at its best. Firm but fair on the field, plain-speaking but courteous off it, he combined elegance with reliability during a career that brought him 108 caps for his country between 1962 and 1973.

Sir Alf Ramsey, manager of the England team that won the World Cup, said last night: "He was a person on whom you could rely totally. He was a tremendous battler. When he was captain of the England team everyone responded to him and most certainly he was one of the main reasons for our success. He was the focus of some great players in a great team.

"I spoke to him only last week but I missed him at the England game against San Marino last week, when he was still working as a commentator. That showed what sort of man he was."

Moore was widely admired during his career for West Ham, Fulham and England, winning most of the honours in the game, including the FA Cup in 1964 and the European Cup-Winners' Cup in 1965. He played in 668 league games between 1958 and 1976 and was voted Footballer of the Year 1963-4.

The admiration was generated not so much by his success, but rather by his talent for the game and his calmness in adversity. In 1970, when captain of the England team that was defending the World Cup in Mexico, he was arrested in Colombia after a pre-tournament tour on the false accusation of stealing a bracelet. After his release, Moore was flown to Mexico and was greeted by Sir Alf at the airport with the look of such heartfelt relief that he might have been greeting the arrival of a long-lost son.

Despite the experience of the arrest, Moore then played some of his finest football. England lost 1-0 to Brazil in a game memorable for the level of skill and commitment of both teams. It was the closest that Brazil, the eventual winners of the competition, came to defeat.

Afterwards Alan Mullery tried to swap his jersey for Pele's. The Brazilian insisted on seeking out Moore for the traditional exchange and embraced him.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

League debut: West Ham United v Manchester United (September 1958).
Club record: West Ham United (1958-73), 544 games, 22 goals; Fulham (1973-7), 124 games, 1 goal.
Final match: Fulham v Blackburn Rovers, May 1977, 1,000th senior appearance.
International record: England Youth, 18 games; England Under-23, 8 games; Senior, 108 games (90 as captain); captain World Cup winners 1966.
Club honours: Footballer of the Year 1963-4; FA Cup winner 1964; European Cup Winners' Cup 1965; FA Cup final loser 1975.
Manager: Oxford City (1979-81); Southend Utd (1984-6).

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Taking on the world: Bobby Moore playing for England, left, against West Germany in a 1985 rematch of the 1966 World Cup final. Above, with his son Dean and daughter Roberta in 1971 and, below, defending the West Ham goal against Crystal Palace in 1973

'He was a great inspiration'

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

AS TRIBUTES to Bobby Moore poured in last night, Roger Hunt, an England World Cup colleague in 1966, said: "I am shocked at the suddenness of it. Bobby was a great player who led by example. To have played under his captaincy in the World Cup is an honour. Bobby always kept his cool: off the pitch, he was a nice, quiet man who was very easy to get on with."

Gordon Banks, England's goalkeeper in 1966, said: "Just last week he said he was going to fight it [the cancer]. We will remember him for the happy and successful times."

Graham Taylor, the England manager, said: "My enduring picture of Bobby Moore will always be of him lifting the World Cup in 1966. As a young professional player myself, that day he was captain of all of us, not just the England team."

Martin Peters, an England team-mate and club colleague at West Ham, said: "I am proud to have known and played with him." Bobby Charlton talked of Moore "doing things with style". Alan Ball, now manager of Exeter City, was said by club colleagues to be "struck down" and "terribly saddened".

Graham Kelly, chief executive of the Football Association, said: "Bobby's contribution to world football was immense. He was a true friend of the game and a gentleman."

Ken Myers, general and commercial manager at Fulham, where Moore played between March 1974 and May 1977, collecting an FA Cup loser's medal in 1975 — said: "He was a great inspiration in the dressing room. He never shirked."

Man denies killing two to steal car

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A DELIVERY driver shot and killed Matthew Manwaring at point-blank range and tortured and strangled his daughter Alison because he wanted to steal a car, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Benjamin Ekow Laing, 25, denies murdering Mr Manwaring, 62, a widower, and Miss Manwaring, 24, at their home in Barking, east London. Mr Laing allegedly shot Mr Manwaring, strangled his daughter and dismembered their bodies.

He left in a car belonging to Mr Manwaring's son, taking Miss Manwaring's body and bank books, it was alleged. The father's body was recovered later and both were buried at the home of the defendant's girl friend in Abbey Wood, southeast London.

Michael Stuart-Moore QC, for the prosecution, said Mark Manwaring, 26, an RAF navigator, had advertised his car for sale before flying to Cyprus, leaving his father to handle the sale. On April 23 last year Mr Laing, of East Ham, called to view the car.

Mr Stuart-Moore said Mr Laing shot Mr Manwaring with a sawn-off shotgun. At 11.30pm, Mr Laing was still in the house when Miss Manwaring returned.

Miss Manwaring was forced to disclose her bank card number and to sign cheques, one of which was found to have Mr Laing's fingerprints. Before killing her, it was alleged, Mr Laing obtained a receipt for the car. Mr Laing then dismembered the bodies, the court was told.

On April 27, police were alerted that the Manwarings were missing and began a kidnap enquiry. That day, Mr Laing took the car to an auctioneer and it was sold, Mr Stuart-Moore said.

Mr Laing walked into a police station two days later and said he had bought the Manwaring vehicle, producing the receipt. After police uncovered the bodies, Mr Laing allegedly told detectives he had been framed by a terrorist organisation for which he had been a gun runner. The trial continues today.



Laing: denies two charges of murder

Lawyer in death case 'was naked'

A SOLICITOR who worked for the Crown Prosecution Service was probably naked apart from his shoes when he battered his wife to death, a court was told yesterday.

Warren Green, 27, of Wigan, Greater Manchester, denies murdering Julie Green, 24, a student nurse, in October 1991. Michael Kallisher QC, for the prosecution, told Liverpool Crown Court on the second day of the trial that a pair of bloodstained black slip-on shoes, found in a bedroom cupboard at the couple's home, were examined by forensic scientists.

"The bloodstains originated as a result of airborne blood — splashing blood — from a source approximately level with the shoes themselves," he said. "The picture this paints is the wearer of the shoes standing astride Julie's head while hitting her with the hammer repeatedly."

Mr Green had told police that he always slept naked and sometimes walked around the house naked, Mr Kallisher said. The storeroom-garage where Mrs Green was murdered "is not somewhere you walk in bare feet".

Mr Kallisher said: "The Crown says the strong probability is that the murder — occurring shortly after getting out of bed — was committed by him, wearing nothing except these shoes."

The trial continues today.

Fiance jailed for ignoring 'No'

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

A MAN was given a six-month jail term for rape yesterday after his fiancée had changed her mind during sexual intercourse.

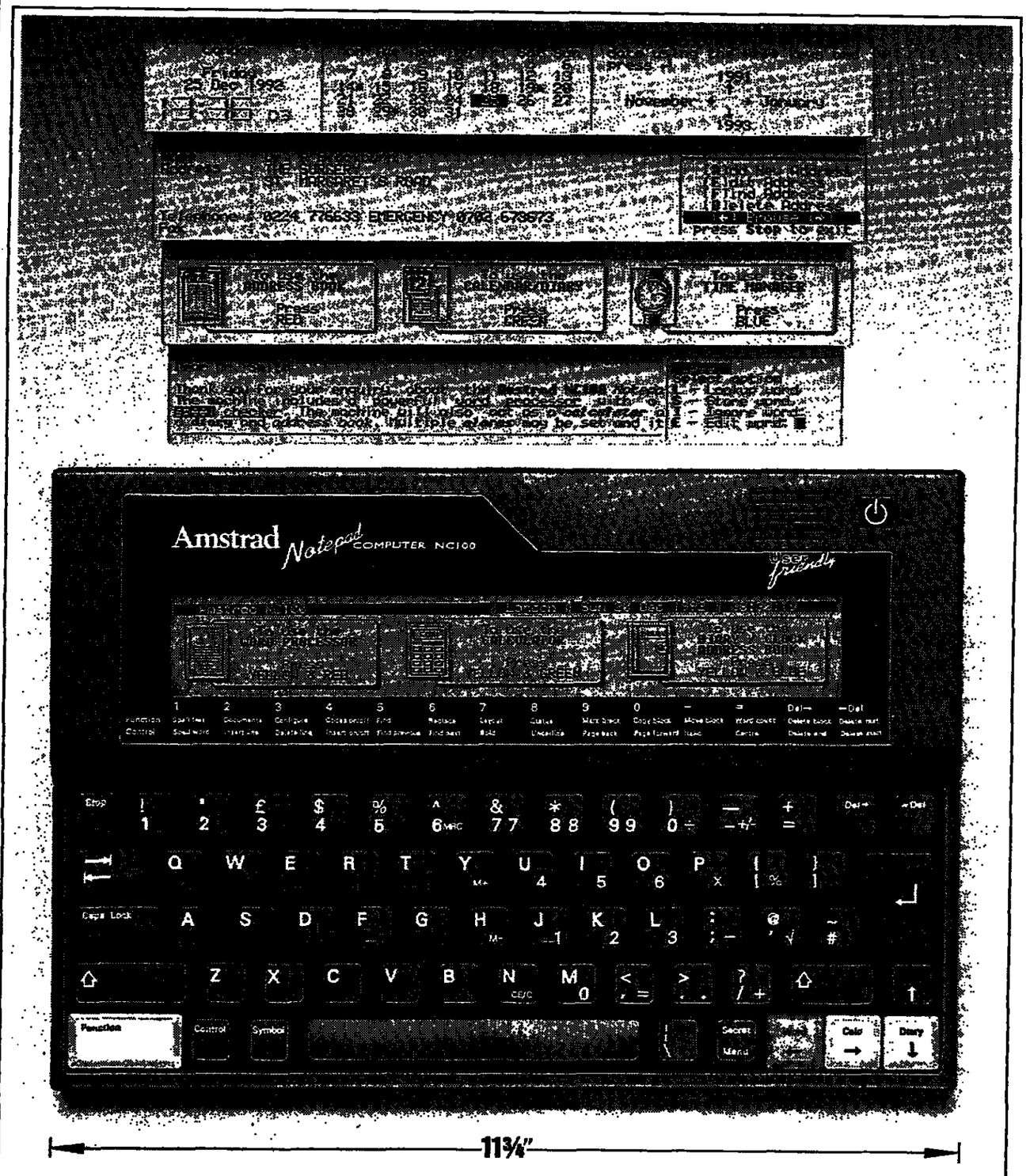
Bristol Crown Court was told that the 20-year-old woman had invited David Williams into her bed during a weekend intended to patch up their relationship, but in the middle of their lovemaking had asked him to stop.

Williams admitted to police that he heard his fiancée say "No" while they were having intercourse at his parents' home at Nelson, Mid Glamorgan. He told them: "I couldn't stop by then. I had had a bit to drink and I was too carried away."

Williams told police: "We were right in the middle when she said, 'that's enough — I want you to stop now'. She said it three or four times." He added that he had carried on for a further five minutes.

The woman continued living with Williams, but a month later went to the police. Williams originally denied rape but changed his plea to guilty because he had admitted to police hearing her tell him to stop. He has been in custody awaiting trial for three months.

Sentencing Williams, Judge Colin Willis said: "This case is far from the common concept of rape." He said that if during intercourse a woman said "No" and a man continued, his conduct was considered to be rape. "I have taken into account all the special circumstances of this case and consider this an appropriate sentence."



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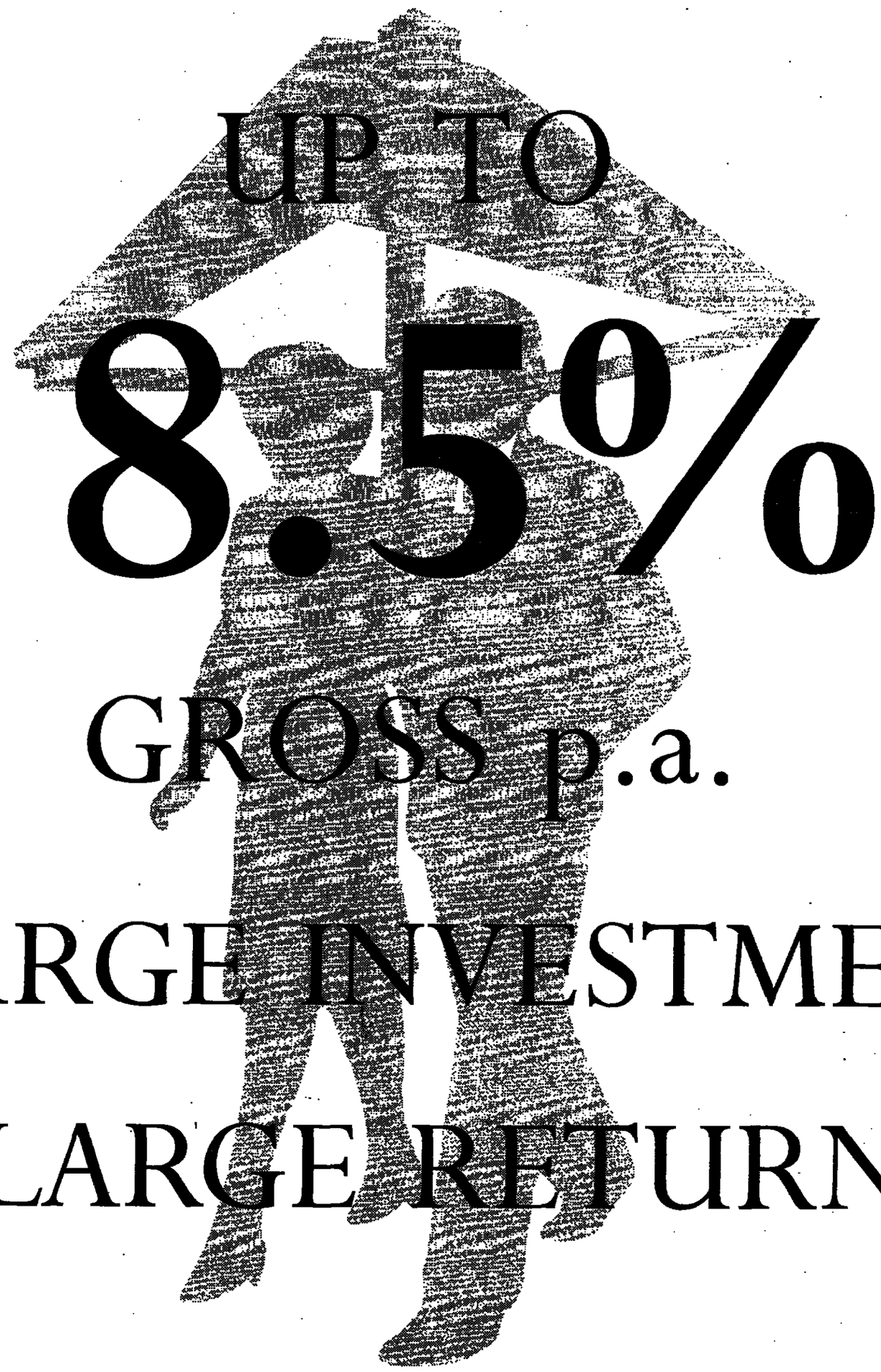
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Parents stay silent at inquest

Baby girl was killed unlawfully in callous attack, coroner rules

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

THE death of eight-week-old Kim Griffin was caused by a "violent, callous, cowardly attack on an innocent and helpless baby", a coroner's court was told yesterday.

Dr Harold Price, the Walthamstow coroner, recorded a verdict of unlawful killing, saying the infant's death was the result of a horrific catalogue of injuries and would have gone to trial if Britain had an inquisitorial legal system like most continental countries.

Kim's parents sat silent throughout the inquest, which they had been ordered to attend, refusing to answer questions on the advice of their solicitors.

The Crown Prosecution Service dropped charges of cruelty against Ann Griffin and George Hadjouannou, from Limehouse, east London, last month because of insufficient evidence after they refused to make statements to the police.

Dr Price made an implied reference to the couple's steadfast refusal to make a statement: "Perhaps in the continental inquisitorial system, this matter might have been brought to court at least, as the rules of evidence are not so strictly adhered to as here."

Kim died last September, three days after being taken to hospital with multiple injuries, including a 15cm-long fracture running from the back of her head through to the right side of the skull.

Dr Price, who heard that Kim's GP and health visitor had referred her to the social services on the day she died, said it was vital that such referrals should be made as soon as possible.

The injury from which she died probably occurred three to six days before her death and was likely to have been caused by sudden impact with a hard surface, possibly after she had been swung, Dr Peter Vanezis, the court pathologist, said. He concluded that the nature of the baby's injuries and the period over which they had occurred suggested a "pattern not in any way due to accidental injury".

Every rib in the baby's back rib-cage, and several in the front, had been fractured. Dr Vanezis said the injuries were consistent with "gripping the child by the chest, severely squeezing or strongly shaking the child". She had also suffered a fractured collarbone and upper arm, again probably some weeks before her death, which were "typical of a child being violently swung with a pulling action away from the arm".

The flap joining her upper lip to her gum had also been torn, consistent with a blow from the hand and a "classic non-accidental injury".

The baby was taken to hospital at about 6.30am accompanied by both parents, who stayed with her. When she died they "expressed appropriate grief", Dr Serena Davidson, a consultant paediatrician, told the inquest.

Ms Griffin had been visited six times by Deborah Sherr, a health visitor, who early on expressed fears that she would not be able to cope with motherhood because of her learning difficulties.

The first occasion on which Ms Sherr felt real concern for the baby was during a visit on September 4 when she noticed a small red mark in her mouth, a small red mark on her lip and discolouration on her cheek.

After discussions with a local GP, the case was referred to Tower Hamlets social services on September 7 but the GP, Dr Alison Arnott, said she had not found any marks on the baby's body to raise her suspicions.

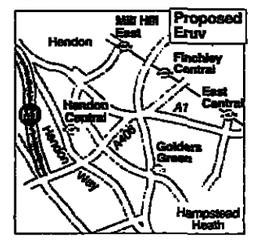
In a written statement, a neighbour said she had often heard a baby "crying for help" which went on for hours and hours, although she did not contact the police.

CHRIS HARRIS



Sabbath dispute: David Schreiber, chairman of the United Synagogue *Eruv* Committee in Hendon, north London, with mothers and children outside the local synagogue nursery school. The committee has divided London's Jewish community by its proposal to establish an area of six square miles as an *eruv*, a symbolic area within which Orthodox Jews would be relieved of Sabbath restrictions, which include the carrying of babies or the pushing of prams outside the home (Ruth Gledhill writes). Some Jews have objected, claiming that an *eruv* would mean a return to the ghetto and could provoke anti-Semitism. The planning committee of Barnet council was meeting last night to discuss the proposal, which is backed by the Chief Rabbi, Dr Jonathan Sacks. Supporters argue that the *eruv* would liberate the elderly, disabled and young mothers from restrictions which isolate them at home on the sabbath. If an *eruv* is approved, 85 poles will be put up in 38 places, with a high-level wire strung between them. The area includes Hendon, Golders Green and Hampstead Garden Suburb. John Marshall, Tory MP for Hendon South, said *eruvs* existed without difficulties in other countries. "The White House in Washington is in an *eruv*."

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MPs view porn in Commons

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

SOHO came to Westminster yesterday when a two-day exhibition of hard-core pornographic material at the Commons opened its doors to MPs.

Up to 300 MPs are expected to view the display, which is intended to persuade the government to tighten up anti-obscenity legislation. The exhibition, laid on by the Obscene Publications Squad, includes paedophiliac material, as well as magazines and videos showing acts of coprophilia, bestiality and sado-masochism. At least one visitor left after a brief tour, saying he was too shocked to continue viewing.

A cross-party group of MPs who asked the police to make the material available have signed an early day motion expressing "profound concern" at the current weakness of controls and called for a Home Office review of anti-pornography legislation.

Michael Alison, the Conservative member for Selby, said a "grossly offensive" test should be introduced, to be applied in prosecutions under the 1959 Obscene Publications Act. The current "likely to corrupt and deprave" yardstick for prosecution, which dates back to the 1860s, is ineffective because the antiquated wording made it difficult to persuade juries to prosecute.

A Home Office spokesman said the legislative steps to address the problems were already being taken through the Video Recording Amendment Act and Telecommunications Act.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ministers attacked on tobacco ads

Government policy on tobacco advertising was described as utterly irresponsible yesterday. Sir Michael Atiyah, president of the Royal Society, told the parliamentary and scientific committee that the government had so far accepted the "highly implausible" argument that advertising did not affect total consumption of cigarettes, only market share.

An advertising ban, except at the point of sale, was to be discussed in April by European Community health ministers, Sir Michael said.

To wait until enough statistics had been gathered from countries where bans were in force would be wrong.

Reward delay

Michael Gill, a bus driver from Leeds who helped police to overpower an armed robber, has been asked by magistrates to return £100 awarded him by a judge. Mr Gill must wait until 1997 for compensation, when the robber is due to be freed.

Brick charges

A boy aged 14 and two aged 16 appeared before Sunderland magistrates, accused of conspiracy to cause criminal damage with intent to endanger life after a police driver was injured by a brick.

Sweet advice

The first advisory service in Britain to help chocoholics has been set up by the Women's Nutritional Advisory Service at Lewes, East Sussex.

BMW denies Met safety allegation

BY RAY CLANCY

THE Metropolitan police force is suing BMW, which supplies 95 per cent of patrol motorcycles in Britain, in connection with a number of accidents involving the R80 model. It alleges the machines are unstable.

BMW denied the claim last night. A spokesman for the German company said that the accidents had been thoroughly investigated, had exonerated the machines and cast doubt on police maintenance procedures. He added: "To date, there is no evidence that the machines are faulty."

The action was launched last month as a result of a number of accidents between 1983 and 1989 involving the R80, which led to the Metropolitan police paying more than £200,000 in out-of-court settlements to injured officers. "Our accident claims branch has issued a writ to be served against BMW by the end of May following a number of accidents in which police officers riding the R80 model were injured whilst on duty," said a statement from the Metropolitan police, which currently has 297 BMWs in its motorcycle fleet.

The accidents are alleged to have happened when the machines started wobbling and then went out of control. BMW said that investigations into the accidents had found they were caused either by driver error, poor maintenance or adverse conditions. Every motorcycle wobbled and weaved, it was a question of how and when and the ability of the rider to cope.

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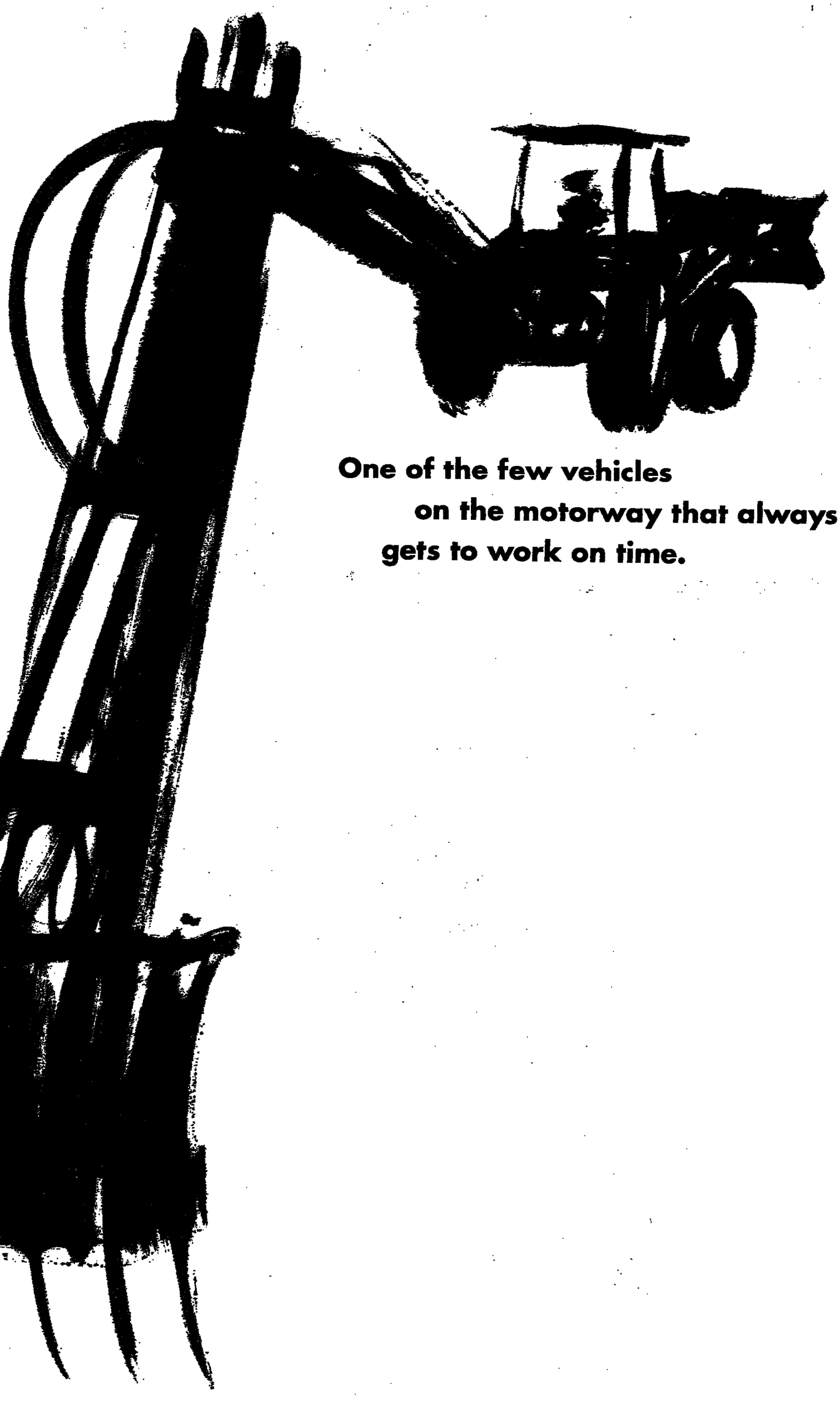
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Today's teenagers pose special problems for the police, the courts and the education system



MARC ASPLAND

Playing ball: Paul Spouse, 14, takes part in the Millwall Football Club scheme once a week instead of attending the school on the other side of the fence

Pupils who pray score high marks

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CHILDREN who pray regularly and go to church are better pupils than those with no religious beliefs, according to a new study. The survey of almost 4,000 11-year-olds found a more positive attitude towards nearly every subject in those with an active religious belief.

The findings, published in the latest *Journal of Experimental Education*, are certain to be used to support the claim that the growth in delinquency is linked to the post-war decline in church-going and personal spirituality. A link could also be made between religious belief and performance, although this needs to be supported by more research; children with positive attitudes to school are thought to perform better.

A spokesman for the Roman Catholic Church said that research showed particularly the importance of personal prayer in the development of positive attitudes to school and life. While church-going was important, it was a less positive indicator than prayer.

Dr Leslie Francis, a theology professor who conducted the research, asked 3,762 children in the south of England to describe their attitudes to English, mathematics, music, religion, school assemblies and games. The children's religious practice and belief affected their attitude in every area except games, he found. Nearly a fifth of the children went to church once a week, nearly a tenth once a month, more than a quarter went sometimes and more than a quarter never. Nearly half the children prayed sometimes, one fifth prayed daily and one quarter never.

Dr Francis, of Trinity College, Carmarthen, and St David's University College, Lampeter, measured their attitudes by asking whether they found the subjects pleasant, good, friendly, nice, happy and important. He found that social class did not affect attitudes to school, but that girls were generally more positive than boys. The only area in which boys scored higher was in games lessons.

Football club lures truants back to the classroom

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

TEENAGE truants are being lured off the streets of south London and back into the classroom through a scheme launched by Millwall Football Club.

Free tickets to home games are being offered as part of a project seen as a last resort for 12 to 15-year-olds who have been expelled from school and risk dropping out of education completely. The scheme, which aims to prepare them to return to normal classes, has attracted growing numbers since it started in November.

The ten youngsters, most dressed in a uniform of baggy trousers and oversized American anoraks, spend each Wednesday at the Millwall ground. In the morning, they occupy the executive suite, complete with mongrammed carpet and fading photographs of glorious teams past, and do loosely defined academic work.

This ranges from writing letters to other football clubs asking for information, to calculating measurements of the football pitch. In the afternoon, they train and play football at a church hall.

Brian Williams, the sports teacher who runs the scheme, said it was a trial and — in football parlance — he believed in taking each game as it came. "All I can say is they keep coming. Everyone who has attended so far has kept coming back.

"There is a little carrot of course. The club makes available some match tickets. You do tend to think the worst of some of these kids and there was a worry they might just flog the tickets. So we make them write about the game and they don't get tickets for the following match unless they show me their work." They all call him "Sir".

Gary Stempel, one of four community officers at Millwall, said: "We are trying to use the image of a professional football club, and the glamour of the players and the ground, to try to work with the alienated — I hate that trendy, sociological term — youth of southeast London.

"They only come one day a week and if that's the only bit of education they get for the week, then we have done well. If they write about a game and it's the only thing they write about for a week, it's an achievement.

"These young people do not like going home and they do not like going to school and so they hang around with their mates on the streets. It is a question we do not like to ask, but we know some of them have been involved in petty thieving," Mr Stempel said.

The scheme was still establishing ground rules for discipline. "I don't want to get into the formal situation of threatening to kick them out when they don't turn up, as that would be putting them in the old position."

The scheme is one of a host of community projects run by the club, which shares the £5,000 cost of the project with Lewisham council. The scheme will continue until the summer.

Next season, Millwall moves 600 yards from its old ground at the Den to a purpose-built £15 million all-seater stadium on the other side of the derelict New Cross dog tracks. Without new funding, the truancy scheme will not move with the club.

Children who must learn the hard way

BY KATE ALDERSON

TWENTY boys and girls sat around chatting and eating sweets in a waiting room at 10am yesterday. The atmosphere resembled a sixth-form common room. Within three hours, they would all be charged with offences ranging from affray to car theft.

In court No 1, Inner London Youth Courts, St Marylebone, youngsters aged from 13 to 17 stared at their feet as charges were laid before them. Most should have been at school. Nearly all came from broken homes, and many of them had a long history of cautions and warnings from the police.

"You are charged with taking without consent, having no insurance, no driving licence, threatening words and behaviour, and ABH," said the clerk of the court to the first youth, a 17-year-old. He pleaded not guilty and was told to return in a few weeks.

The next youth, aged 16, stood with his social worker as the court was told he had stolen a pair of jeans and had "12 other matters pending, including theft, assault and driving without a licence."

His case was deferred and Lawrence Landau, the presiding magistrate, warned him: "If you carry on like this you will undoubtedly find yourself behind bars. Prison is very nasty indeed, make no mistake about that."

A tiny boy was then called into court accompanied by his mother. He looked 10 years old but was 15. Charged with stealing a car stereo and an amplifier, he stood to hear his charges. Clutching his baseball cap, he pleaded not guilty, whereupon he was given a hearing date and conditional bail.

A girl who had failed to attend for a second time later appeared to tell the court she had been sitting an examination and her train was late. She was charged with affray and assaulting a police officer. The magistrate told her: "They are both imprisonable offences, do you know that? You are in serious trouble."

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Loyalist supergrass released and 'seen bundled on to plane'

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER Loyalist gunman turned supergrass who was convicted of two murders has been released from prison after serving only seven years of a life sentence.

The Northern Ireland Office would not officially confirm authoritative reports that Leonard Campbell, 44, originally from Londonderry, was released two weeks ago.

However, sources within Maghaberry top security prison in co. Antrim, where Campbell was an inmate, were quoted yesterday as saying he had definitely been released from a special isolation wing for informers. Another source, who has known Campbell for 25 years, told *The Irish News* in Belfast that he saw the former gunman at the city's international airport two weeks ago, where he was reportedly "bundled on to a plane".

A spokesman at the Northern Ireland Office said it was official policy not to comment on the deployment of individual prisoners. He denied suggestions that Campbell's freedom had been granted in response to a brief hunger strike mounted by the prisoner last October. The spokesman said it was more likely that Campbell's role as a supergrass, which led to several convictions of Loyalists, had allowed him to circumvent normal release procedures.

Lifers in Northern Ireland normally serve at least ten years before their first assessment by the life sentence review board. The average life sentence served in the province is about 16 years.

Campbell's release was sharply criticised by local politicians in Londonderry, and dismayed and angered the relatives of his victims.

Tony Carlin, an independent councillor in the city, said people could be justifiably angry and frustrated at the abuse of the prison system. "I think for a whole lot of people, this will confirm their suspicions that the whole system is corrupt," he said.

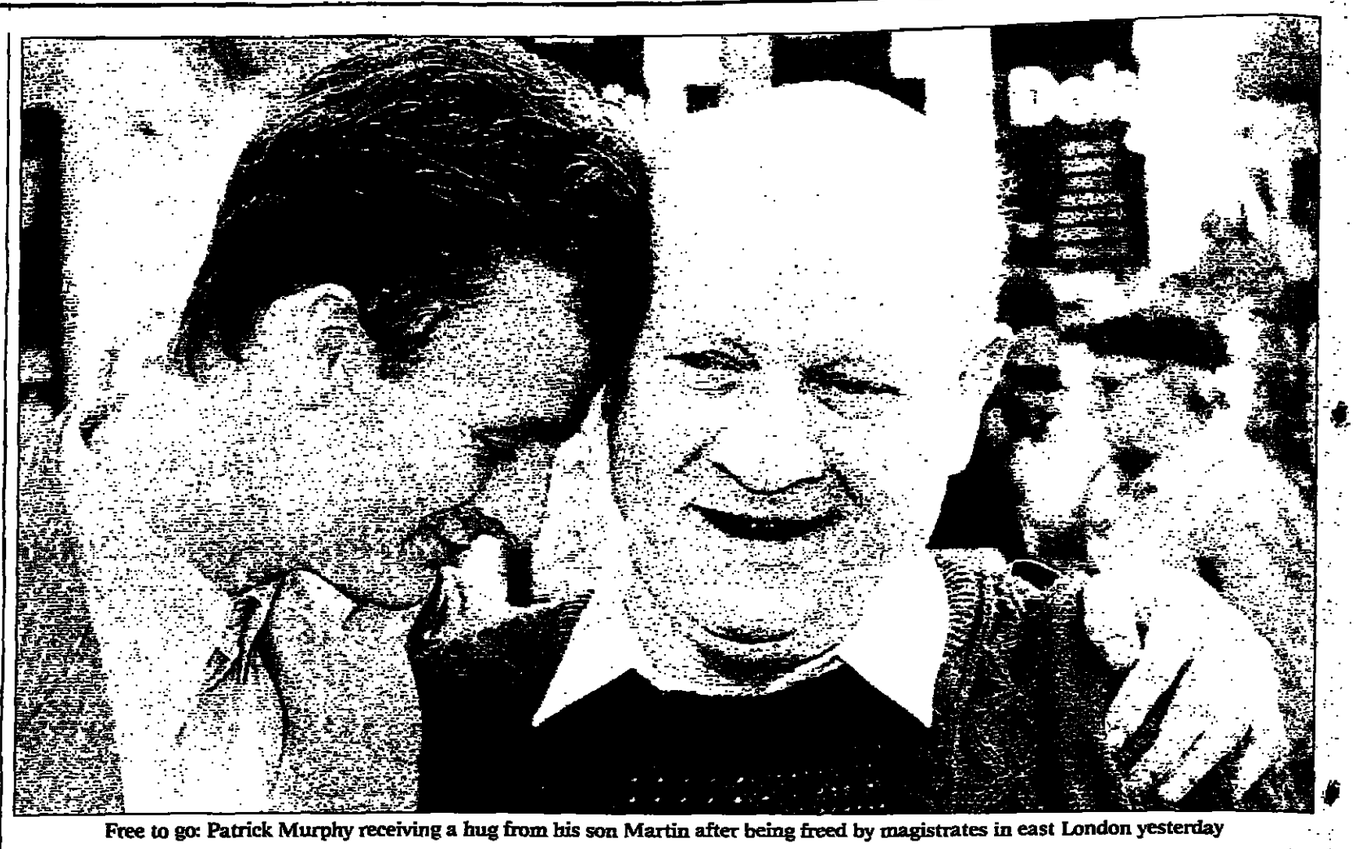
Campbell, from Tullyally in Londonderry, was originally sentenced to 16 years for armed robbery in 1983. Three years later, he admitted the murders in 1976 of two Roman Catholic men, Kevin Mulhern and John Tolan, and was given a life sentence.

Mr Mulhern, who was 35, died when a gunman fired at him through the front door of his Londonderry home. Mr Tolan, also 35, was shot dead one month later at a pub where he worked on the edge of the city. Campbell is thought to have initiated the murders and acted for sectarian reasons. While he may once have been associated with one of the two main Loyalist paramilitary groups, both disowned him after his decision to turn supergrass.

The practice of releasing supergrass or other special status prisoners early is not new, but this latest release will fuel unease in the nationalist community that Brian Nelson, a former Army agent inside the Ulster Defence Association, will also not serve a full sentence.

Nelson was convicted of conspiracy to murder and given a ten-year sentence in Belfast this time last year. He has since been transferred to a prison in England and, under normal circumstances, should serve at least seven years. Rumours that he is to be released early have been denied by the Northern Ireland Office.

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Free to go: Patrick Murphy receiving a hug from his son Martin after being freed by magistrates in east London yesterday

Court frees man in Downing Street bomb case

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

A MAN charged with an IRA bombing near the gates of Downing Street was freed by magistrates yesterday because the evidence against him was unlikely to secure a conviction. As Patrick Murphy, 52, protested that the decision had left a slur on his name, his solicitor criticised police for failing to investigate properly his alibi that he had been at an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at the time of the bombing.

Mr Murphy said after the hearing that he was relieved to be out of prison, where he was being held on remand, but angry that there was a stain on his character. Mr Murphy, unemployed, of Hayes, west London, was detained three months after the October bombing but had been unable to say where he had been on the day of the attack. He eventually told police that if it was a Friday in October he was 99.9 per cent certain that he had been at an AA meeting in Uxbridge, west London.

Magistrates freed Mr Murphy after being told by the Crown Prosecution Service that the evidence against him was based principally on identification and that this did not offer a realistic prospect of conviction. He had been accused of abduction and causing an explosion after two people forced a mini-cab driver to go to Whitehall with a bomb on the back seat. The small device exploded, but no one was hurt.

Gareth Peirce, Mr Murphy's solicitor, accused the police of failing to carry out a proper investigation of his alibi before bringing charges. The case had been dropped in a "grudging manner", she said.



Union chief accuses GCHQ

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A SCOTTISH trade unionist is to protest to the European Commission of Human Rights over alleged spying by the GCHQ surveillance centre at Cheltenham.

The case is being brought by the pressure group Liberty, which claims that GCHQ has been routinely intercepting telexes sent to Campbell Christie, general secretary of the Scottish Trades Union Congress. Liberty said that protests to two specialist government tribunals had had no effect.

John Wadham, the group's legal officer, said: "The government has been using GCHQ to spy on all kinds of people who are not, and never have been, a threat to this country. The government has set up two tribunals to deal with complaints about telephone tapping and the security services, yet no complaint has ever been upheld by them."

Liberty is seeking a declaration from the hman rights commission that trade unions' rights to privacy have been breached and that the tribunals are not an adequate remedy.

Mr Christie said: "It is outrageous that routine communications coming to me at the STUC should have been intercepted. It is also unacceptable that the appeal system is totally inadequate. The tribunals are not required to give reasons for their decisions and there are no means by which these decisions can be challenged."

Heart risk linked to baldness

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

BALD men stand a greater risk of heart attacks than those boasting a full head of hair, according to American research.

The bad news for the cranially challenged comes in a survey which finds that men aged between 21 and 55 who are almost bare on top are three times more likely to suffer heart attacks than the hirsute. Men with mild to moderate baldness fall between the two extremes and those who are receding a little seem to be at no increased risk.

The study, carried out by Dr Samuel Lesko of Boston University School of Medicine, examined 665 men who had had heart attacks and 772 similar men who had not.

The conclusions, published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, add to earlier evidence of a weak link between baldness and heart disease: baldness on top, rather than in front, is an early indicator of heart risks, but the link is less strong than with high blood pressure or cigarette smoking.

The most probable explanation is hormonal. It is known that baldness is linked to high hormone levels, and the authors speculate that these may also have a role in suppressing high-density cholesterol, a substance that is believed to protect the heart.

Dr Lesko said: "We don't think bald men need to panic. Compared to other risk factors, it is a relatively minor contributor" to heart disease.

The way it isn't

CRAIG BROWN



FOR the past four months, we have been having an extension built. What an opening sentence. Once upon a time, I might have entered it for a *New Statesman* weekend competition for Dreary Opening Sentences, along with "There can't be many more efficient ways to recharge the old batteries than treating yourself to a weekend break to explore the Unknown Bournemouth" or "Will the real Mike Yarwood please stand up?".

Dull, middle-aged, middle-class people got excited about extensions: for the rest of us, Real Life was the thing.

To my horror, I have discovered that I have switched camps. Rather like poor old Alec Guinness in *Bridge on the River Kwai*, I find that, as the extension has been gradually growing, so too has my absorption in it. Weekend guests find themselves transported through mud and over fences and up ladders to issue obligatory gasps of admiration at the extension. They are then given a quick lunch before being asked if they would care to view it again.

Overnight, I have become as tedious as the person who believes that everyone will be interested in his dreams. Indeed, last weekend I managed to combine the two types of bore, regaling everyone with a detailed description of a nightmare in which someone, entirely without permission, had set up a fish-and-chip shop in my beloved extension.

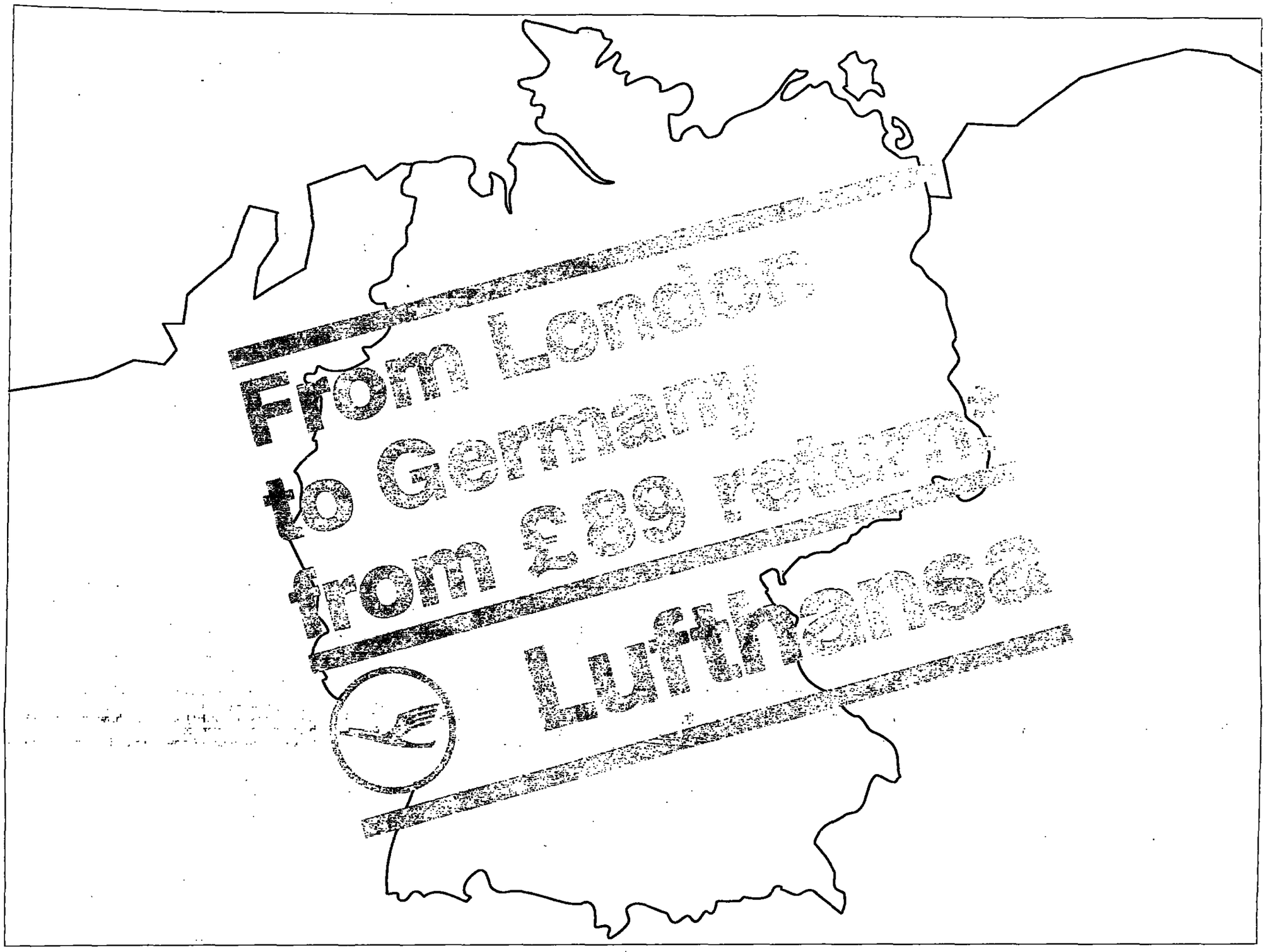
Like the Alec Guinness character, I have lost track of the purpose of the extension, so thrilled have I become by the actual process of building it. "What are you going to use it for?" friends ask politely, and I look back at them as though they were daft.

But now that the extension is nearing completion, I have begun to be smitten with existentialist doubts about the reasons for its being there.

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Euro-sceptics rally to new wrecking amendment

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND SHEILA GUNN

A NEW amendment to the Maastricht bill that could wreck the treaty will today provide a fresh rallying point for Labour and Tory Eurosceptics determined to embarrass the government.

The Opposition will argue that after the government U-turn on the legal significance of its first social chapter amendment, MPs should be granted a second debate on the issue. This could imperil the treaty because it would open the door to a vote on a second social chapter amendment that the government has indicated could deal a fatal blow to the treaty.

As MPs gather for the 13th day of the committee stage of the bill incorporating the treaty into domestic law, attention will focus on Michael Morris, the deputy Speaker, who chairs the committee. He will be under pressure to rule immediately on whether he will grant a second debate on the social chapter. Ministers and whips are insisting that this aspect of the treaty has been covered and that there are no grounds for reopening the argument. They also maintain that the new amendment is out of order. Mr Morris said on Monday that he was "minded to take seriously the need for further debate", but he may delay his decision.

After the government somersault over amendment 27, eventually shrugged off as making no difference to domestic law, MPs are now focusing on amendment 444, tabled by Calum MacDonald, Labour MP for Western Isles. This deletes the disputed social protocol from a different part of the bill than amendment 27, and Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-general, has indicated that unlike 27 it would wreck the treaty.

George Robertson, Labour's European spokesman, said: "The government has jumped out of the frying pan of amendment 27 into the fire of 444." He added that the amendment would not wreck the treaty because the government could go back to its EC partners, abandon its opt-out and embrace the social chapter.

The difference between the two amendments arises because of a parallel 1978 act requiring Parliament to approved to any measure that enhances the powers of the European parliament. The protocol appears to do this and therefore if, as amendment 444 requires, it is deleted from the part of the bill relating to the European parliament, the government might not be able to ratify the treaty. Mr MacDonald said last night: "I think that the protocol certainly enhances the powers of the European parliament and therefore it must have the approval of this Parliament under the 1978 act before the government can ratify the treaty."

Labour and the Tory Eurosceptics have been fortified in their belief that they have the government in a corner by Sir Nicholas's remarks on Monday. He said that the clause in the bill giving Westminster's assent to greater powers for Strasbourg would have to cover "the whole of the treaty".

Lord Lawson of Blaby called on MPs to ratify the "deeply flawed" Maastricht treaty but then work hard to redirect the European Community away from the dangerous goal of monetary union.

Unless Britain wanted to leave the EC altogether, it would be better to ratify the treaty, he told the Commons *foreign affairs committee*.

The former Tory Chancellor said it was not a treaty that Britain would have designed as a blueprint for the future of Europe. "I do believe that the right thing to do at this stage, having signed the treaty, and it is symbolic, is to ratify it and then work hard to get the whole mess sorted out.

"It is becoming clearer as each day passes that it is a *deeply flawed treaty and* certainly cannot work in the way it is set up."

He rubbished the idea at the heart of the treaty that the ERM can be progressively "hardened", with realignment abandoned and margins narrowed, until one day people wake up and find they have a common currency.

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Green envoy: Michael Howard will discuss the environment with the Americans

Howard to put green taxes at top of talks agenda

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE prospect of green taxes is expected to top the agenda this weekend when Michael Howard, the environment secretary, flies to Washington for meetings with members of President Clinton's new administration and leading American politicians.

The environment secretary's two-day visit to the United States will follow hard on the heels of John Major's visit. It also comes less than two weeks after the president made a new energy tax a key component of his package to tackle the federal deficit. The tax, levied on the heat content of fuels in an attempt to spread the burden more fairly than car, bon or petrol levies, is projected to raise an extra £33 billion over the next four years, adding about £12 a month to the tax bill of middle-income families. Only higher income taxes on the better off are projected to outstrip the energy tax in raising additional revenue.

Mr Howard's visit is an indication that such measures are now firmly on the Whitehall agenda. Mr Howard is hoping to see Al Gore, the vice-president, dubbed "Mr Ozone" by the American media, who is overseeing environmental policy. He will also see other members of the administration, such as Hazel O'Leary, the energy secretary, and Bruce Babbitt, the interior secretary.

Mr Howard has signalled his growing interest in green taxes, to curb pollution and to helping narrow the public sector deficit. Few MPs would be surprised if next month's Budget did not widen the differential between leaded and unleaded petrol, and ministerial sources have indicated that the government will move further in this direction, possibly by the time of the second Budget in November.

Mr Howard, who also plans a trip to California to study its programme of fiscal rewards and penalties, intends to publish a paper later this year on possible new measures. He is believed to be working closely with John MacGregor, the transport secretary, who has confirmed that he will publish proposals for tolls on existing motorways to pay for big improvement schemes. Mr MacGregor is also keen on road-pricing in London to ease traffic congestion.

Other measures under consideration include water metering and charges for dumping waste in landfill sites. Mr Howard said earlier this month that he favoured "economic instruments" over tighter regulation.

Troops in Bosnia face redundancy notices

BY ROBERT MORGAN
POLITICAL STAFF

ARMY officers serving in Bosnia may get compulsory redundancy notices today, the Commons was told yesterday. Officers in Northern Ireland will also hear of their fate today. The announcement by Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, brought immediate protests from Labour and Tory back benchers.

Dr John Reid, Labour spokesman on the army, asked for confirmation that serving officers "under fire in Bosnia" might get compulsory redundancy notices.

Mr Hamilton told him: "There is a possibility that a small number of serving officers in Bosnia may be made compulsorily redundant and there is a possibility that serving officers in Northern Ireland may be made compulsorily redundant."

He said that if the ministry changed the system for announcing redundancies, it would mean not telling those who had volunteered to leave and who were anxious to know whether their applications had been successful. Many would lose money. Most had chosen to leave.

Shephard plans big changes for jobless

BY SHEILA GUNN AND PHILIP BASSETT

EMPLOYMENT officials are investigating the costs of providing a compulsory work or training place for every person under 25 who has been out of work for more than a year.

The initiative, recommended by Lord Wakeham's employment task force, would extend for a further seven years the youth training scheme guarantee of a place for every 16- to 18-year-old.

Work on the scheme is unlikely to be finished in time for the emergency jobs package which will be announced alongside the March 16 Budget, but could be included in the first unified Budget in November. The cost and administration implications could be huge, with the department already in trouble honouring the present two-year YTS guarantee.

The extended scheme would mean those aged between 18 and 25 who have been on the dole for more than a year, now totalling 209,000, would lose their benefits if they refused to take up an offer of a temporary job or a place on a training scheme.

The task force has also asked officials to relax some of the rules which strip away benefits from the unemployed who undertake voluntary work, education or are not immediately available to take up a job offer. Benefit offices will be told to interpret more flexibly the rule which disqualifies the unemployed from benefit if they are working for free or studying for more than 21 hours a week.

The rule, which requires the unemployed to be available to take up an opening within 24 hours, is also likely to be relaxed to take account of those with a genuine reason, such as family responsibilities, for needing longer notice.

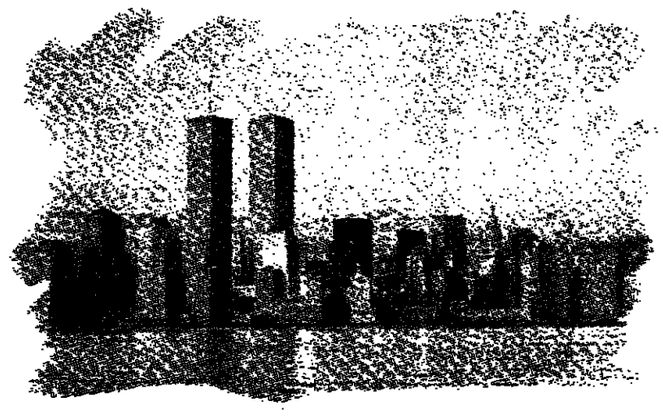


Wakeham: called for the new initiative

An extension of the small business start-up schemes was also asked for by the Wakeham cabinet committee, aimed mainly at encouraging those who receive substantial redundancy cheques to set up their own firms. Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, said yesterday that the Wakeham committee — which has now been stood down — would mean "quite profound changes" for the unemployed. She told the all-party employment select committee that the Wakeham committee had identified a range of options combining work, training and job search.

Mrs Shephard also said she considered it an "irritant" that one of the requirements was that in order to qualify for benefit, the principal thing the unemployed had to do was nothing.

Frank Field, Labour chairman of the Commons social security committee, wrote to Lord Wakeham's committee yesterday suggesting a "network" scheme, which would allow those unemployed for more than five years, now totalling 100,000, to continue to draw benefit for one year after they find a job.



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Trade tensions dominate visit as Britain sounds out new administration

Major takes temperature of special relationship

By Peter Riddell, Political Editor

The prime minister sees his trip to America as a chance to convey EC apprehension about recent comments over the Airbus and steel quotas

FOR John Major, yesterday's visit to Washington was much more than a glorified photo opportunity at the White House to show that two experienced politicians can work together and make bland statements of mutual support. It was, above all, a chance to take the temperature of the new administration, notably on trade, but also across the range of international issues.

"We want to see who they are, and what they really mean. Are they serious about Gatt, or not?" said a senior British official accompanying the prime minister.

Mr Major discounts some of the recent strong words from American officials and believes strongly that Mr Clinton is not a protectionist. He emphasises the common ground between the United States and Britain on a wide range of issues, economic and political. He contrasts this common outlook with the tiny differences which are being discussed.

There have been two clues to the wider framework of the meetings. First, Mr Major has been actively consulting other European leaders. He talked twice earlier this month to Helmut Kohl, before the German Chancellor left for India, and once to President Mitterrand of France, notably about trade. He has also seen Sir Leon Brittan, the EC vice-president for trade.

While in no sense a negotiator on behalf of Europe, Mr Major has seen his trip to America as a chance to convey EC apprehensions about recent American comments over the Airbus and steel quotas, and as an opportunity to gauge the mood in the new administration and on Capitol Hill.

He has also raised various bilateral trade difficulties such as the threatened increase in tariffs on sports utility vehicles, which would hit Land Rover exports to America.

This role of intermediary or interpreter of European views to America has been favoured by British prime ministers since the days of Harold Macmillan. Too much should not be made of this aspect, though. In practice, the most important result of the trip may be a better understanding of the policies of the new administration rather than any specific news announcements.

The second clue to the real nature of the visit was the passenger list on Mr Major's VC10 flight to Washington on Tuesday evening. This included not just his usual travelling staff such as Stephen Wall, his foreign affairs private secretary on his last visit abroad before becoming British ambassador in Lisbon, and Gus O'Donnell, his press secretary, but also some Whitehall heavyweights.

The other passengers included Sir Robin Butler, the cabinet secretary, Alex Allan, the prime minister's principal private secretary, Sir Roderic Braithwaite, the prime minister's personal foreign affairs adviser, and Sarah Hogg, head of the Downing Street policy unit.

The purpose of such a extensive delegation was to get to know the new administration, and vice versa. Mrs Hogg, who has become Mr Major's personal emissary on trade matters, will stay on in Washington to pursue this issue, as well as seeing Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the American Federal Reserve. Sir Robin rarely travels abroad; normally he only visits Washington on secret missions to discuss the long-standing British-American agreements on intelligence co-operation.

The talks these senior officials will be having, as well as Mr Major's highly-publicised visit to the White House, are the real point to the trip. Mr Major and his top advisers believe there is much common ground with the Clinton administration, despite the change of party control since the Bush days, but they have been unsure what this means in practice.

Mr Major has been keen to find out as much as possible about Mr Clinton's plans. For instance, on the eight-hour flight to Washington on Tuesday evening he read the full text of the president's State of the Union speech last Wednesday. He was impressed, though did not intend to go down that road of tax increases.

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Flying the flag: Mr Major arrives at Andrews Air Force base before his talks with President Clinton and members of the new US administration

Dispute on subsidies averted as US takes a softer line

From Wolfgang Münchau in Washington

AFTER two weeks of stinging presidential criticism of Europe's Airbus consortium, the US administration yesterday adopted a more conciliatory approach. US officials are now ruling out the possibility that America might seek renegotiation of an agreement reached last year with the EC over aircraft subsidies.

Fears that a renewed dispute over aircraft subsidies could endanger the stalled world trade talks, by adding yet another area of dispute, have been fuelled by a series of remarks by President Clinton, most recently, on Monday, to Boeing workers in Seattle, Washington, blaming European government subsidies to Airbus for job losses in the American aircraft industry. Among these are 28,000 jobs to be shed by Boeing over the next 18 months.

Sir Leon Brittan, the EC trade commissioner, has had assurances from Washington

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that the president's remarks do not indicate a willingness by the administration to break or to renegotiate the accord, signed under the previous administration. In a speech to Boeing workers, President Clinton had threatened to insist on a "tough new discipline" if Airbus continued to crowd out US competitors.

Airbus, a four-nation consortium of British, German, French and Spanish aircraft makers, has been subsidised for over 20 years. Two years ago, it recorded a small profit for the first time, and the company has begun to repay some of the original subsidies. British Aerospace is a 20 per cent shareholder.

The agreement reached last year, limits government subsidies. However, since Airbus is no longer subsidised by European governments, the agreement, which does not apply retroactively, could not be invoked to start a trade dispute. On the contrary, the US is considering ways to prop up its aircraft industry, hard hit by recession, overcapacity in the airline business, and the increasing market penetration of Airbus, which last year had 43 per cent of new orders.

In America, Boeing is seen as the quintessential technology company, whose recent difficulties have been symbolic of difficulties in US high-technology companies. After making campaign promises to help these industries, Mr Clinton is under pressure to act.

The Clinton administration had suffered a first setback in implementing its economic reform programme, being made to accept a delay over a $16 billion package of spending to boost the economy.

The delay of the proposal, which was to create 500,000 jobs in the short term, comes as senior Democrats in Congress are growing increasingly fearful about the "Spend-and-Tax-Democrat" tag if they were to pass spending increases before the more controversial elements of President Clinton's economic package. The programme is front-loaded with stimulus spending, while some of the spending cuts and tax rises would be put to Congress later.

Thomas Foley, House Speaker, said that the president had now requested the delay. The strategy is now to switch legislative schedules.

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Congressmen urge tough line on Ulster

By Martin Fletcher

HUMAN RIGHTS

SENIOR US senators and a other congressmen used John Major's visit to Washington yesterday to press President Clinton to adopt a tough line on Northern Ireland.

Twelve senators urged Mr Clinton to raise with the prime minister the "continuing human rights abuses of the British security forces" in Ulster that "served to fuel and extend the conflict". They included Edward Kennedy, Christopher Dodd, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Arlen Specter and Paul Simon.

Thirty-four congressmen urged Mr Clinton not only to make a resolution of the troubles in Northern Ireland a top priority in Anglo-American relations but to adopt an "equitable visa policy which does not deny protection to political refugees". The British government would vigorously oppose such a policy, arguing that it would allow Irish terrorists to escape justice in the United States.

Mr Major met Tom Foley yesterday and the House of Representatives Speaker denied Mr Clinton had asked him to act as special envoy to Northern Ireland. He had been informally approached by State Department officials but expressed no enthusiasm for the job. Irish-American leaders are now lobbying for the appointment of Jimmy Carter, the former president.

The environmental group Greenpeace used Mr Major's visit to protest against Britain's refusal to agree to a nuclear weapons test ban. Britain hopes to reverse congressional legislation that would end all testing in Nevada, British or American, by 1996.

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Diplomacy loses its allure

From Ben Macintyre in New York

THE PRESS

There was plenty of British news in the American newspapers yesterday: the aftermath of the murder of the Liverpool toddler James Bulger was writ large, the usual items about the royal family were there, and even snippets about the changing British law on male au pairs.

But of John Major's arrival in America, and his scheduled meetings with President Clinton, there was barely a word.

The contrast with the sort of fanfare which used to announce Margaret Thatcher's visits could hardly be more acute. Many Americans, it seems, have little conception of who John Major is, or why he is here.

The New York Times and *The Washington Post*, for example, made no mention of the planned first meeting between President Clinton and the prime minister; on page five *USA Today* observed that "Major huddles with President Clinton at the White House today", in the middle of a story about airlifting aid to Bosnia-Herzegovina. Most of the other papers ignored the prime minister's arrival altogether.

In the past few years Britain's place in the American consciousness has changed, subtly but radically. It is not that Americans no longer care about Britain; quite the contrary, for there continues to be more news about Britain in the American media than any other European country. But increasingly the interest is less political than emotional or historical.

The prime minister is unfortunate that his visit should have coincided with the Liverpool child murder case, but this perfectly illustrates the point. Yesterday, on the day Mr Major arrived in American, *The New York Times* devoted two columns on its front page and three more inside to a story entitled "Liverpool tries to reconcile murder and the boy next door".

Here was a story neatly encapsulating the current American view of Britain, with dark Dickensian overtones of repressed savagery and social decay, and providing the opportunity for a sighing note of pity. This, averred the writer, was an incident which "raised questions about a moral malaise at the heart of British society."

Britain, to use the language of newspapermen, is increasingly a human interest feature, not a front-page story.

The personal chemistry between Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher often seemed to embody the spirit of something other than simple diplomacy, a psychological bond that was above mere politics; that was inherited, in somewhat diluted form, by John Major and George Bush. But with Mrs Thatcher and the Republicans out of power, the special relationship seems less special to many Americans.

Even the royal family has lost much of its lustre. Prince Charles's recent visit raised only a faint murmer of attention, and that overlaid with a prurient obsession with the private life of the royals.

Economic hardship, the thawing of deep-frozen Cold War alliances and an uncertain international situation have caused many Americans to look on the rest of the world with a more clear and calculating eye. Margaret Thatcher could always count on a wave of nostalgia when she came to America; in President Clinton's Washington, John Major cannot.



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Desperately seeking political scandal

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

TABLOIDS

NEIL Kinnock's visits to Washington as Labour's leader had one overriding objective — to foil the British tabloids in their hunt for Republican snubs. Meeting times were not announced lest they ended a few minutes early. Even the meetings themselves were sometimes kept secret lest the other side had to cancel.

Yesterday the shoe was on the other foot. With a Democrat in the White House, it was the Conservative prime minister who had to thwart a press pack determined to write about a "special relationship" on the rocks.

Various possible story lines emerged. It was learnt that neither Les Aspin, the defence secretary, nor Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, would be meeting Mr Major. That looked promising until it was pointed out that Mr Aspin was in hospital with heart problems and Mr Christopher was in the Middle East.

Chelsea Clinton had more potential for a sexy story than either Gatt or unitary taxation. There was a nice Downing Street joke to be used about how President Clinton and Mr Major had one thing in common — their love of Chelsea (the football club, in Mr Major's case).

Another possibility was Norma Major's absence. The excuse that this was purely a working visit, and that she had to finish her book on Chequers, was regarded as somewhat feeble. She had twice come over to stay with George and Barbara Bush at Kennebunkport.

But Hillary Clinton — left-wing, strident and opinionated — quickly became the day's main target when it emerged that she was not scheduled to meet the prime minister, despite working directly above the Oval Office. Surely it was she more than her husband who had objected to Tory help for Mr Bush; she who had stopped him meeting Mr Major when he visited Washington last December after the election? Calls were made from the Sheraton-Carlton hotel, the media HQ, to the First Lady's press office. No, she had no public schedule for the day. But there was just one snag. This was early in the morning, Washington time, and it was entirely possible, her office said, that long after the first editions had been put to bed in London, she would drop by to meet the prime minister. Gotcha, as *The Sun* would say.

This, of course, is a game played by both sides. Mr Major's afternoon meeting with the president began at 3pm but was not expected to exceed two hours. Why? Because they had to be out addressing journalists by shortly after 4pm so that the prime minister could make the nine o'clock news at home.

And one other thing. However many rows there really were behind closed doors, there was never the slightest doubt that the two leaders would publicly portray their encounter as anything but thoroughly warm, productive and successful.

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Real target of air drops is American public, not Bosnians


Boutros Ghali: backs Clinton's aid plan

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ The US president must be seen to be doing something — anything — in the Balkans conflict, Martin Fletcher believes

IS WASHINGTON'S decision to parachute supplies into Bosnia the beginning of wider US armed intervention in former Yugoslavia, or merely a sop to US and world opinion?

There is a sense in Washington that America is slowly being pulled nearer the centre of the whirlpool, first by promising troops to enforce any eventual settlement and now by flying military aircraft across Serbian-held territory. But the evidence so far is that Mr Clinton does not share this assessment. He does not intend the air drops to be the thin end of a wedge leading inexorably to the involvement of US ground troops.

The move is a gesture intended to assure both American and world opinion that the Clinton administration is doing something. "The operation has no combat connotations, and we think the risks are small," Mr Clinton said.

He evidently means it. Mr Clinton could have ordered US transport aircraft to fly low over eastern Bosnia and drop supplies with pinpoint accuracy. Instead, he appears to have opted for dropping the food and medicine from great heights with minimal accuracy but little risk of being hit by ground fire. This reinforces what the operation's many critics here suspect: that the airlift is being mounted primarily for domestic political purposes.

Administration officials deny the charge, though with less than complete conviction. If only some of the supplies reach those in desperate need, the airlift would be worth it, they say. Moreover, by showing a concrete US commitment to their wellbeing, Bosnia's Muslims could possibly be lured back to the UN peace negotiations in New York.

One view is that Mr Clinton, having backed away from direct military intervention, is under intense pressure to do something — anything — to fulfil his campaign promises of a much tougher US approach to Bosnia. This largely symbolic exercise was the best he could come up with.

There is a strong feeling in Washington that the Europeans' response to the Bosnian conflict has been botched from the outset, and this at least would make America feel better.

Pentagon officials cannot publicly voice their opposition to the plan, but those recently retired from the Pentagon do not suffer the same constraints. General Michael Dugan, air force chief of staff until 1990, said that supplies dropped from 10,000ft could land up to three miles from the target. Colonel David Hackworth, America's most decorated living serviceman, compared the airlift to "feeding a herd of cows with an eyedropper".

He said the White House was filled with "draft dodgers from the President down" who were telling the military what to do but "don't know what they were talking about".

Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the UN secretary-general, offered public support for the plan after meeting Mr Clinton on Tuesday, but the best he could say for it was that it would "reinforce the morale of the people on the ground". Diplomats say he privately worries the airlift will be a spectacular and ineffective diversion from the peace talks.

Allies have been pressed into offering verbal support, but have no intention of participating themselves. Mr Clinton insists there will be little threat to the US transport planes flying at such high altitude. He has dropped plans for warplane escorts and offered to help Serb villages too in a bid to minimise the chances of confrontation, but military experts are not convinced. Serb forces are believed to have surface-to-air missiles that could still reach the planes.

The American move will, however, cause strains between the US and its allies. Mr Major said he welcomed the US move, but Britain was already heavily engaged in getting aid to Bosnians through land convoys and would not contribute RAF aircraft.

Britain's worry is that if US involvement does spread, despite Mr Clinton's apparent hope of a limited and relatively risk-free operation, the warring parties in Bosnia could well turn on British and French peacekeeping forces, thus wrecking the very relief programme that the American airlift is intended to supplement.

Vitaly Churkin, Moscow's envoy to the UN peace talks, told *Washington Post* journalists of his reservations about the Clinton initiative.

"My greatest fear is that the air drops will provide room for a provocation," he said. "Quite a few people will pull guns from their pockets and hope to hit an American plane."

He added: "There are some crazy guys who want military intervention."

Critics see aid plan as pretext for wider intervention by US

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BELGRADE AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE IN LONDON

THERE was widespread condemnation of the American-backed plan to drop supplies to Bosnia yesterday, not only from the protagonists but from military experts who said it was impracticable.

Following approval of the scheme by Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, and President Clinton yesterday, the Yugoslav federal army general staff said the drops would be a pretext for direct military involvement by America in the Bosnian war, Tanjug news agency reported.

But while the statement was condemnatory, contrasting sharply with the moderate reaction of Ilija Djukic, the Yugoslav foreign minister, it stopped short of threatening force against American planes. "This deeply provocative model of dropping aid is completely unrealistic and could provoke one of the many armed paramilitary formations to shoot down an American plane ... which would create a pretext for wider and deeper American involvement in the conflict in Bosnia Herzegovina," the army said.

The statement added that lies about the Serbs had been spread in America with the aim of getting tacit approval for intervention, which would cause even more death and torture in Bosnia. "The Serbian people cannot commit collective suicide which would probably be the only way to prove their loyalty to the new world order. There is a real danger of provoking massacres of Serbs in Bosnia Herzegovina and the conflict spreading to the federal republic of Yugoslavia."

But while the army of the rump Yugoslavia was opposed to the plan, the leader of the Bosnian Serb forces was more welcoming. The softening of the Bosnian Serb position followed American guarantees that all three ethnic groups in Bosnia — Serb, Croat and Muslim — would receive a share of the dropped supplies.

General Ratko Mladic, commander of the Bosnian Serb forces, told Bosnian Serb radio that he believed the White House would "act responsibly and supply aid to all who need it". But he said the delivery of weapons or fuel would not be tolerated.

The planned air-drop operation would have planes flying at a height of 10,000ft when the drops are made to keep clear of small arms and machine gun fire. But Bosnian Serbs have anti-aircraft missiles and the Bosnian Croat army has been blamed for shooting down an Italian aid plane last summer.

This altitude could result in aid packages veering as much as a mile off course — especially if winds were high. UN aid officials in Sarajevo welcomed the plan but were guarded about its practicality. "If we can get food or aid in any way, I'm delighted," said Larry Hollingworth, UN relief chief in Sarajevo. "But 12,000ft — they are going to land on people's heads."

There is a danger that President Clinton's good intentions could pave the road to a greater hell in the region. The mission could divide allies and give an excuse for even more belligerence to the warring parties.

An indication of the Islamic world's delight at the air drops was that Turkey and Pakistan offered to help the airlift even before it had been decided on.

But Colonel David Hackworth, one of the most decorated officers in American history, now retired, said: "The big thing is the Bosnians (Muslims) want it because Bosnians want to get us committed into the thing. If we get committed into it, there's no way out. It's a war that's not do-able."

Paul Beaver, editor of *Jane's Defence Weekly*, predicted that a quarter of attempted airlifts would have to be aborted because of low cloud cover.

An aid convoy to Gorazde was still delayed east of Sarajevo after UN officials refused to allow Serb officers to search it.

Planes to carry basic foodstuffs

Washington: The US Air Force C130 cargo aircraft that are to drop food and medicine by parachute to starving Bosnians will each carry 16 one-ton containerised pallets of basic foodstuffs, such as cooking oil and flour, plus some ready-to-eat meals (Ian Brodie writes). Fresh vegetables may be included if a need for them is established. The medical supplies will include antibiotics, vaccines, vitamins and hospital equipment. All the supplies must be vetted by the United Nations to ensure there is no arms smuggling. The pallets will be heavily cushioned.

Dangers abound for relief pilots

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE pilot of the C130 Hercules transport aircraft approaches the drop zone with his missile warning equipment primed and the decoy chaff aluminium strips ready to divert fire away from the lumbering 98ft-long plane flying at low altitude at 120 knots. He is prepared to face a gauntlet of small arms fire, anti-aircraft cannon and heat-seeking missiles.

This scenario is based on a realistic threat assessment for the proposed air drops planned by the US Air Force for distributing food and medecine over Bosnia. The environment is unpredictable. Whatever local commanders or politicians promise by way of safe conduct for humanitarian flights, nothing can be guaranteed. Anything flying is vulnerable to fire from Serb, Muslim or Croat gunners.

Nato forces who have had troops escorting aid convoys since November recognise the potential dangers of flying helicopters or fixed-wing aircraft over Bosnia. The RAF has four Sea King helicopters based at Split in Croatia but only in the past four weeks have they begun making the occasional "proving flights" to Kiseljak, the United Nations protection force headquarters in central Bosnia. The helicopters only venture into the area after extensive negotiations with all the warring factions. The first two approved flights had to be abandoned.

The Americans plan to start air drops using Hercules within a few days, covering mountainous and forrested terrain that provides ideal ambush locations. The Americans do not need reminding that it was a Muslim anti-aircraft missile that shot down a Italian G222 transport plan last September with the loss of the four crew.

Aid flights to Sarajevo have been running for months and the local warlords have become accustomed to routine take-offs and landings. Although aircraft are still occasionally targeted, the risks are regarded as acceptable. New aid flights over other parts of Bosnia, where aircraft and helicopters are not expected, could be viewed in a more hostile light.

The Americans might be forced to use special forces to fly high speed, low altitude delivery missions under cover of darkness in planes equipped with terrain-hugging navigation radars, American sources said. However, whether they use high technology or flights by Hercules at high or low level, the threat will be the same.

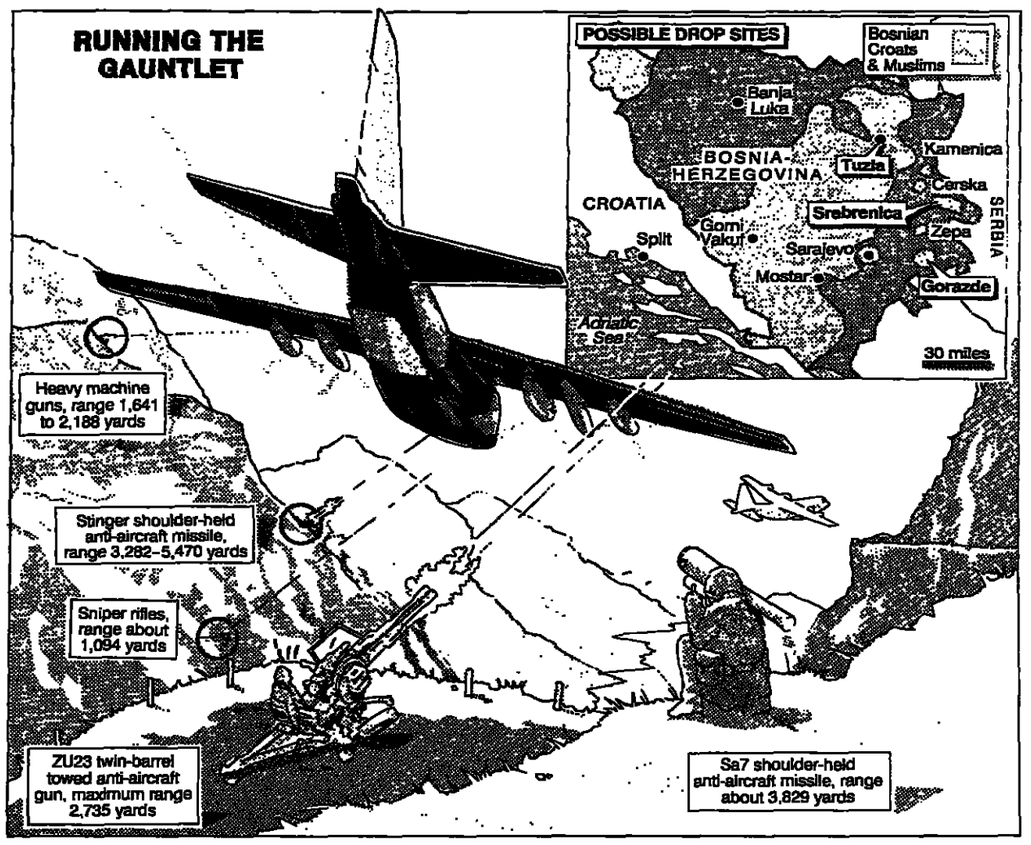
The weapons that could potentially target the flights include: Serbian ZU23 twin-barrelled 23mm anti-aircraft cannon, which have a range of up to 2,500 yards and can fire 800-1,000 rounds a minute; Sam7, Redeye and Stinger surface-to-air missiles fired from the shoulder with a range of 3,000-5,000 yards; a 20mm cannon with a range of 1,200 yards; heavy machine-guns with a range of 1,000 yards; and Dragunov sniper rifles based on the Kalashnikov with a practical range under 1,000 yards. A German aid plane attacked on February 7 was hit by 23mm cannon fire, probably a ZU23.

Pilots of Hercules aircraft explain the dangers of flying into potential ambush zones with mountains on either side. The Hercules is manoeuvrable, but in the run up to the drop zone, they have to hold the plane steady on a straight course. The ideal speed for a low run is about 120 knots. Double the speed and there is a danger the supplies will break up on landing.

The Americans talk of dropping the supplies from 15,000ft to avoid the maximum range of missiles and cannon. But US Air Force manuals suggest that drops from that altitude would miss their target points by more than two miles.

British pilots say that a drop from 15,000ft could be made more accurate by a proper assessment of the wind levels. But that would require several runs over the target to make calculations. Over hostile terrain this would have to be ruled out, forcing pilots to run a gauntlet of potential fire from above or below.

Some of the Serb gun positions on the route to Tuzla in north-eastern Bosnia are on mountains as high as Snowdon, which is 3,500ft. Although firing down is less accurate and more complex, this threat to low level flights cannot be excluded.



Bavarian corruption unnerves congress

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN BONN

ACCUSATIONS of influence-peddling among top politicians in Bavaria dominated the annual Ash Wednesday congress of the ruling Christian Social Union (CSU), with Max Streibl, the state prime minister, vigorously defending himself against charges of accepting free holidays and luxury cars from local businesses.

The issue has come to a head because of a growing scandal that threatens to end the long monopoly in this conservative state of the CSU, the right-wing ally of the Christian Democratic Union. Leaks, back-stabbing and political intrigue now dominate politics in Munich.

The folksy, red-faced prime minister, defiantly insisted to a nervous party congress in Passau that he was the victim of a smear campaign: "Yes, I am standing in the fire. But I am standing." He has tried to brush aside the dispute over his accepting favours from industry, including free flights, luxury limousines and the installation of a satellite dish by the Messerschmidt-Bölkow-Blohm aerospace concern, but it has been fanned by the discovery that Edmund Stoiber, the Bavarian interior minister, has also been accepting gifts.

The CSU has suffered a catastrophic fall in popularity, with its share of the vote falling to 39 per cent, while the Greens, the Social Democrats and especially the right-wing Republicans have all seen their share rise.

Defence chief puts faith for Russia's future in the army

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

WHEN General Pavel Grachev, the Russian defence minister, this week denounced radical officers for plotting to seize power, he also let slip the reason why it is likely that the army will end up dominating the Russian political scene. General Grachev said that in spite of all present problems, "the armed forces are the only well-organised and reliable force in society".

This is as true today in Russia as it has been in most Third World countries which achieved independence without possessing the social and political institutions needed to maintain democracy. As often as not the army has taken power only after every other kind of government has failed.

In the 70 years of its tyranny over Russia, the Communist party dissolved all other strong institutions, providing in their place a single iron frame. With this gone, Russia, and Russian politics in particular, resemble an inchoate swamp out of which stable institutions will take a long time to develop. The decline of central authority points towards the possible disintegration of the country, which the army would resist as long as it had any power to do so.

But the Russian armed forces have no tradition of taking political power — the last attempted military coup in Russia was that of the Decembrists in 1825. They are also in such a mess that it will probably be a considerable time before they could take power. A coup by one section of the officer corps, against the high command as well as the government, also seems unlikely given Soviet traditions. If the army does act, it will probably act in a unified way.

Not action, but inaction by the military has already had a major political impact in recent years. During the military intervention in the Baltic States in January 1991, uncertainty and internal divisions in the armed forces helped bring the operation to an end. During the August 1991 coup, most units failed to support the reactionaries, although it should be noted that they did not openly support Mr Yeltsin either; like most Russians, they simply sat tight and waited to see who would come out on top.


Grachev: "military is reliable social force"

Finally, during the last Congress of People's Deputies in December, there are indications that President Yeltsin asked the commanders for their support in carrying out a "constitutional coup" to break the deadlock with the Supreme Council, and they refused, on the grounds that they must remain out of politics. This is exactly the line taken by General Grachev in denouncing the hardline Soviet loyalists, and it is likely to remain the official military line for some time.

Public respect for the military is somewhat greater than for the politicians — but that is not saying much. General Grachev said this week that 3,000 officers, including the commanders of two Military Districts, were disciplined last year for corruption.

The radical "Officers' Association", which helped organise the Soviet loyalist demonstration against Mr Yeltsin and the Democrats on Tuesday, represents a small minority of officers. Most officers are deeply discontented, but are above all concerned with their own economic survival.

Most conscripts are simply failing to turn up for duty at all, so most units are drastically under strength.

☐ Tokyo: Senior officers of Russia's supreme military command told Japanese counterparts yesterday that Moscow may create demilitarised zones in the Siberian Far East as a policy to ease tensions with China and Japan. This will hasten the creation of a professional army filled with regulars and Cossack units. *(Reuter)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amato wins coalition support

Rome: Giuliano Amato, the Italian prime minister, received a pledge of support from the Christian Democrats for tomorrow's confidence vote in his coalition government (John Phillips writes).

The Christian Democrats will also support the appointment by decree of a special minister for privatisation despite opposition from their backbenchers. Speculation that the government might fall in the vote sent the lira swooping to record lows.

General fraud

Lisbon: Tereshina Gomes, who posed for 18 years as a poor retired general, went on trial for fraud, charged under both her own name and that of the man she pretended to be: General Tito Anibal da Paixao Gomes. *(AP)*

Court delayed

Palermo: The trial of Salvatore "Toto" Riina, the Mafia chief accused of ordering the 1977 murder of a policeman, was adjourned as soon as it opened. *(Reuter)*

Rebels kill 20

Dakar: About 20 Senegalese were killed when separatist rebels attacked and burnt the village of Baghagha, the fifth attack in five days in Casamance province. *(Reuter)*

A million flee

Kigali: Up to a million people have fled Rwanda to escape fresh fighting between rebels and government forces this month, relief workers said. *(Reuter)*

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Keating commits party to referendum on creating a republic

FROM ROBERT COCKBURN IN SYDNEY

■ The Labor leader is intent on cutting constitutional ties with Britain. He is also ditching long-held political convictions

AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS

TO ROARS of party support, Paul Keating, the Australian prime minister, yesterday officially committed Labor to a referendum on making Australia a federal republic.

Turning away from the razzmatazz of 1980s campaign launches, when the Opera House was used, Mr Keating returned to the tough western Sydney suburb of Bankstown, where he grew up, to deliver Labor's 1993 election programme from the stage in the town hall. Australians will vote on March 13.

Preceded by Labor luminaries Gough Whitlam and Bob Hawke, who has never forgiven Mr Keating for ousting him from power, the prime minister received rapturous applause from his home crowd. He announced an Aus$1.6 billion (£1.3 billion) social investment programme, but his determination to achieve a republic by 2000 brought the loudest cheer of all.

"We will set up a broadly based committee of eminent Australians, including representatives of states, to develop a discussion paper which will consider options for a federal republic of Australia," said Mr Keating, who caused controversy last year when he put his arm around the Queen during a royal visit.

Mr Keating made his campaign speech from a platform devoid of the usual Australian flag, with the Union Jack, which republicans find so offensive. Republicans, including Thomas Keneally, the author, supported Mr Keating, but the opposition dismissed the initiative as a distraction from Australia's most pressing concerns.

A calculated air of glory was created for Mr Keating as he stood before a stark blue backdrop with the single word, Australia. His party's campaign logo was also left off. The national anthem was led by a teenage singer, accompanied only by a pianist.

This contrasted with the farcical election launch by the National party the previous day, when an indoor fireworks display set off alarms and sprinklers drowning out the political message of Tim Fischer, the leader.

But even Labor stalwarts expressed initial doubt about the radical launch as their party searches desperately for ways of making up an eight-point deficit in the polls. Afterwards however, inside Bankstown town hall, one supporter pointed out that John Major, the underdog leading an unpopular incumbent government, resorted to an old-fashioned soapbox when he went on to win the general election for the Conservatives last year.

Mr Keating outlined an electoral package for social justice, backed by a Aus$1.6 billion package for the most needy, and to recognise the role of mothers at home. He said Aus$325 million would provide a weekly home child care allowance of Aus$60. To cut hospital queues, a further Aus$100m would be used to purchase 10,000 private hospital beds for use under the government's Medicare scheme. Means testing for elderly patients would be eased, and medicines made cheaper. Dental care would be brought into the Medicare scheme.

Like Britain's National Health Service, Medicare is Labor's sacred cow, and a very necessary one in Australia today, which Mr Keating says will be destroyed by the Liberal-National opposition in favour of private health care.

Again, Mr Keating issued a warning about the dangers of the opposition, led by John Hewson, a Liberal, who pledged to introduce a 15 per cent goods and services tax, similar to VAT, if he wins. "There really never has been a clearer choice between Australian traditions of fairness and equity, and the economic and social jungle of Reaganism and Thatcherism that other countries have just abandoned," Mr Keating said.

He was doing some abandoning himself as he deplored the waste of the 1980s, a decade he dominated as treasurer when he adopted a blueprint of Thatcherite privatisation and deregulation policies. Emphasising that Australia today has the Western world's fastest growing economy and among the lowest rates of inflation, he is supporting a slow and steady recovery over the next five years, against Dr Hewson's plan for radical taxation and social change, and the threat of industrial confrontation.

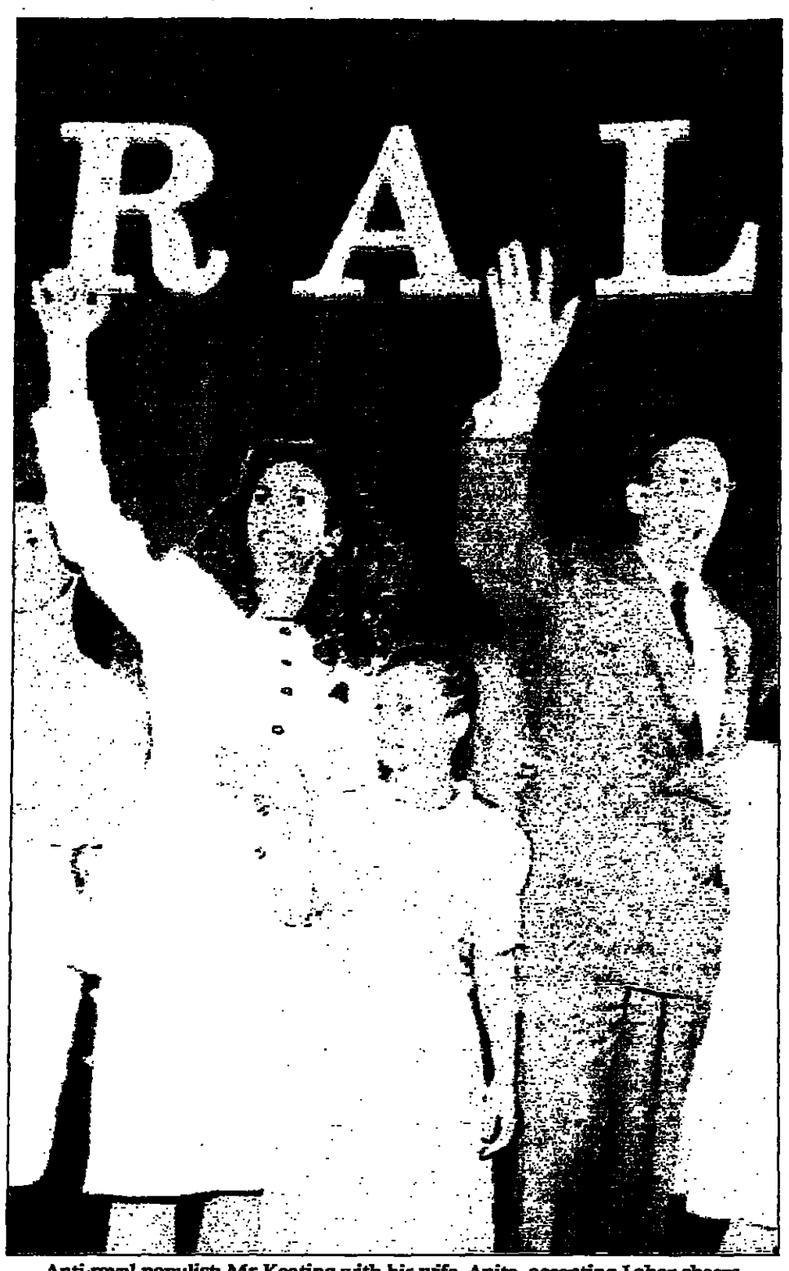
A number of key businesses, such as Toyota, the Japanese car manufacturer, support Mr Keating's cautious plans for recovery. Political issues are, however, taking second place in this narrow campaign, which focuses almost exclusively on the two leaders and their mutual animosity. Image is still everything.

One of Labor's greatest tasks is to strip away Mr Keating's past and recast him as a caring 1990s figure. Yesterday he conceded unemployment was the nation's overwhelming concern, and he admitted that mistakes had been made in economic planning in the 1980s.

Dr Hewson yesterday described Mr Keating's policy programme as the response of a tired and desperate government that Australians would not buy.



Too familiar: Paul Keating broke royal protocol when he placed his arm round the Queen's waist



Anti-royal populist: Mr Keating with his wife, Anita, accepting Labor cheers after presenting his plans to turn Australia into a republic in a campaign speech

Hong Kong forces China's hand by reforms threat

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

HONG Kong's government warned Peking yesterday that the democratic reform package of Chris Patten, the governor, would go before the colony's legislature unless China started negotiating.

"We hope that formal talks between the two sides can soon begin," Michael Sze, the constitutional affairs secretary, told the legislative council. "We do recognise that the current uncertain situation cannot be allowed to continue for much longer and that we will need to gazette the bill if a decision on talks cannot be reached imminently."

Government television said that Mr Patten's reform package, which China has insisted be withdrawn, would be put before the legislature tomorrow unless Peking indicates that it is ready to talk. Mr Patten tried to sidestep talk of confrontation. He said: "That's not an ultimatum. It is a statement of an administrative imperative."

Eleventh-hour diplomatic contacts between Peking and London are believed to have come to a halt. The Hong Kong government is trying to break the deadlock.

It is in China's interests to keep playing the British side along, since further delay in tabling Mr Patten's proposals conveys to the people of Hong Kong the impression that Britain is losing its resolve. Delay has also caused speculation that the British government was abandoning Mr Patten. Speculation has mounted that London might go over the governor's head to make a bilateral deal with Peking and sacrifice the reform proposals.

Analysts said that if Peking did not give a final answer by tomorrow, China might still attempt to delay the tabling of the package with a new initiative.

The ultimatum has given notice to Peking that the administration is not prepared to concede on Mr Patten's package or the Hong Kong legislature's right to vote on any deal between London and Peking — and that London continues to support Mr Patten.

Mulroney decides to give up Canadian leadership

FROM OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BRIAN Mulroney, the Canadian prime minister, resigned yesterday as leader of the Conservative party but he will continue as prime minister until a successor is picked to lead the party into this year's elections.

"After almost ten years as party leader and eight and a half as prime minister, it is appropriate now for me to step aside," he said in a letter to his party.

The Canadian political system would dictate that Mr Mulroney stay on until his party holds a leadership convention, probably in June. His possible successors include Kim Campbell, the defence minister; Michael Wilson, the trade minister; Perrin Beatty, communications minister; and Jean Charest, environment minister.

Mr Mulroney's standing among voters has been undermined by high unemployment, record bankruptcies, massive debt and a lack of clear policy for recovery from the country's three-year recession. Only last week, however, he was joking about how fresh and "frisky" he felt.

Last spring, Mr Mulroney's popularity fell to 12 per cent — the lowest rating for any prime minister since polling began. The prime minister also failed to devise the power-sharing formula he promised to introduce, disappointing Canadians. He presented voters with a proposal under which Quebec would be recognised as a distinct society, and natives would win the right to govern themselves. The senate was to be reorganised so that each province would be represented equally by elected senators. Mr Mulroney, 53, abandoned the plan after voters in six provinces, including Quebec, rejected it last October.

The Canadian dollar slumped yesterday amid speculation that Mr Mulroney was resigning. It fell almost half a cent against the US dollar shortly after the market opened in Toronto.



Mulroney: popularity slumped last spring

Europe taps at Burmese convent door

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN KENGTUNG, BURMA

ALL four Italian nuns at St Mary's convent in Burma's opium-producing eastern Shan state are in their 80s and have been here since the 1930s, not even returning to Europe on leave.

Many changes in the modern world are unknown to them and the second world war and the Japanese occupation of Burma are still very real. The setting, in the unofficial "capital" of the Golden Triangle, seems straight from the pages of a Graham Greene novel.

Since Kengtung, closed in 1950 during fighting between Burmese army and nationalist troops retreating from China, was reopened to the outside world last year, the nuns have encountered Europeans again. "We had seen very few white people since the English left in 1948," said Sister Vicenza Redaeli, 82, referring to Burma's independence. "We love our friends here very much but at least we can see other faces now."

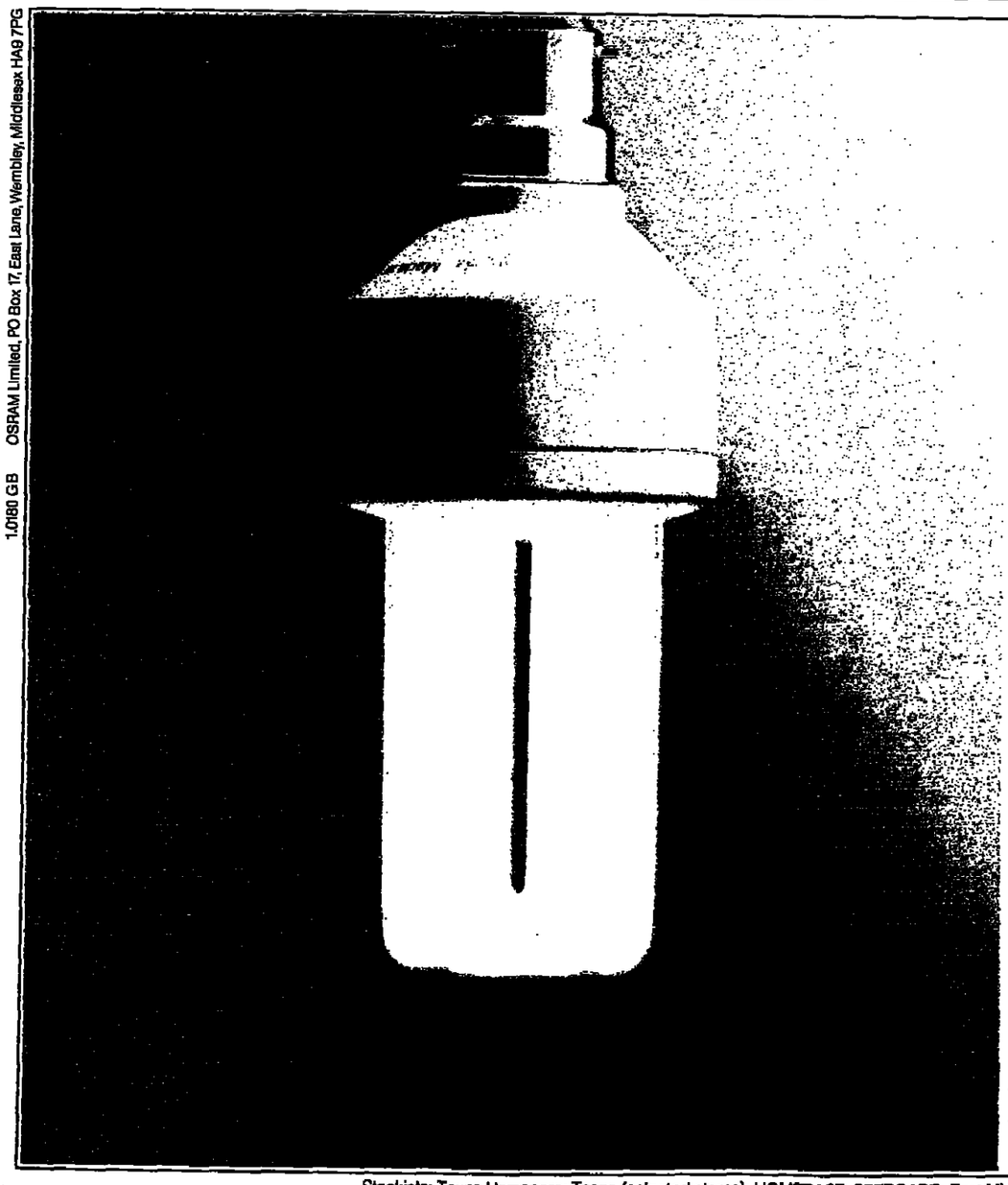
Sister Batistina Sironi, 84, who like the others is from Milan, said: "Of course, we have had mail," adding without irony, "I last received a letter from Italy in 1951; it had been posted three years before."

Most of their work has been among the Akhas, a hill tribe people, rather than the majority Shans, who remain pious Buddhists. At the convent, they care for and educate 230 children, many of them orphans, and handicapped people in a region that has seen much unrest. The other hill tribe here, the Lahu, are mainly Baptists.

In her bare room, Sister Vicenza recalled: "In 1942, the Japanese bombed — 27 planes came over — and Buddhist monks let us shelter in their pagoda. As bombing continued, we ran with the children into the jungle. There were many injuries."

Later they returned, but retreating Chinese troops burnt Kengtung as a scorched earth measure. While most foreigners joined the retreat to India or China, the nuns stayed.

Attitudes are frozen in the 1950s. Father Joseph Wu has to find out whether European visitors are Catholic or not. Greene might have been amused.



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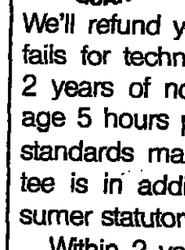
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Somalia's euphoria over foreign intervention turns to rage



Valerie Plaice: killed on road to Baidoa

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

WHEN 20 US Navy frogmen and marines emerged from the waves off Mogadishu at the start of Operation Restore Hope to deliver food to the starving of Somalia, it seemed that the biggest danger they faced was from the glare of camera and television lights.

The farcical humour prompted by the ranks of press waiting on the beach as the American-led force came ashore in December has, however, turned to dismay. And the world's focus has shifted to the face of an Irish nurse, pictured tending a famished child hours before she herself lay dying in a bullet-raked aid vehicle.

Valerie Plaice, 23, this week became the third humanitarian worker to be killed in Somalia in less than two months, despite the presence of the international force. The early optimism surrounding Operation Restore Hope has been eroded by the image of armed clans continuing to spread terror and prolong the agony of the hungry, and of US Marines becoming more bogged down in the political morass.

In contrast to the euphoric reception given to the American-led forces, angry youths yesterday stampeded through Mogadishu, the capital, shouting: "America out of Somalia." One of the country's most powerful warlords, General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, accused the peacemakers of letting his foe, Muhammad Said Hirsi, known as General Morgan, seize the southern port of Kismayu. General Morgan is the son-in-law of Mohamed Siad Barre, the dictator who was overthrown in 1991.

■ The optimism surrounding Operation Restore Hope has been eroded. US forces now face growing hostility

Coalition troops were forced to fire into the air as the rioters in Mogadishu pelted them with rocks and built barricades of burning tyres and debris on a main boulevard. The mood now swinging against foreign intervention was also evident when mobs tried to storm the American and Egyptian embassies, and succeeded in temporarily occupying the empty Egyptian embassy.

Some aid workers now say they are in more danger than before the marines landed. One of the main reasons hope has given way to renewed despair is the failure of the American-led force to disarm the disparate clans and militias.

Plaice, who worked for the Irish humanitarian organisation Concern, was killed near Afgoi, southwest of Mogadishu, when bandits attacked the convoy in which she was travelling to Baidoa. Far from an isolated incident, the nurse's murder is part of a growing security problem that the tanks and helicopters of the multinational operation seem unable to counter.

Marc Mullan, who also works for Concern, said: "Each individual vehicle has become a target. We must have a heavy weapon to frighten the attackers. I'm afraid of driving around in a car now."

Jeff Loan, a worker for the Red Cross, said security was better before Operation Restore Hope: "Now there is danger everywhere. A few days ago, we decided not to drive on roads outside the capital. Within Mogadishu we make a minimum of trips," he said.

Holly Burkhalter, Washington director of the human rights group, Africa Watch, blames the international force's limited mandate — to protect and ensure aid deliveries — for the increasing violence. "Aid agencies had independent arrangements with the warlords in Mogadishu before the troops arrived," she said. "These arrangements evaporated with the force's arrival and were replaced by nothing else. Nobody knew what the ground rules were any more."

Other parts of the country were safer at first, Miss Burkhalter added, "but the bad guys soon learnt that if they didn't attack the Americans themselves, they could keep their guns. But you can't just keep feeding people at the end of a gun forever."

It now seems increasingly unlikely that the multinational force will be able to extricate itself by the end of March as planned. The violence in Kismayu has delayed the withdrawal of up to 3,000 of the 18,000 American troops remaining in Somalia, the American department announced on Tuesday. The Pentagon had said last week that the 3,000 would be withdrawn immediately and replaced by forces from other countries. In late January, America had a maximum of 21,800 troops on the ground.

☐ **Mogadishu:** Preparations for talks to set up an interim government went ahead yesterday despite the demonstrations. A United Nations spokesman said Somali factions had made it clear that thetalks they had called to prepare an agenda for a national reconciliation conference next month in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, would not be disrupted.

"The violence is definitely a setback but fortunately for us the Somalis have made it clear to us that it is directed against the Americans and the US-led coalition forces," Farouk Mawlawi said. *(Reuter)*

Warlord's supporters attack US troops in Mogadishu riot

FROM CHRISTOPHER BURNS IN MOGADISHU

SOMALIS loyal to the warlord Muhammad Farrah Aidid pelted American troops with rocks, built bonfire barricades and stormed an embassy yesterday in protest against a victory by a rival who they say was helped by the allies.

American troops shot and killed at least one Somali and wounded two who fired on them at a checkpoint. Two marines were wounded, one from grenade shrapnel and one from a gunshot in the leg. Hundreds of screaming youths hurled stones, lumber and scrap metal at allied tanks, armoured personnel carriers and Jeeps that rolled through a part of central Mogadishu thick with smoke from burning tyres.

"We don't want the Americans to leave," said Khalif Sheik Muhammad, 30, standing next to overturned merchants' stalls and burning piles of debris. "We only want them to make justice." Other protesters, however, yelled: "America out of Somalia!"

The unrest appeared confined to one area of the city, along a road leading from the traffic circle to the former American embassy, where coalition troops are based. Gunfire rattled throughout the day near a major traffic circle as soldiers fired in the air to disperse mobs that regrouped and charged again.

The violence dissipated in the afternoon, but sporadic gunfire still punctuated the air. Details on other casualties were sketchy in a city without telephones. Somalis working for various news organisations reported up to eight or nine Somali deaths, but Western journalists penned in a hotel near the traffic circle saw only three wounded Somalis.

The riot underlined continuing political and security problems facing the allies, who arrived ten weeks ago to end devastating clan warfare so relief agencies could help ease a famine that threatened millions of lives.

The protest began late Tuesday night after General Aidid delivered an angry radio address accusing American-led forces of allowing his ally, Colonel Omar Jess, to be driven out of Kismayu by forces loyal to Muhammad Said Hirsi, known as General Morgan. He accused US-led forces of disarming Jess supporters while allowing Morgan's men to keep their arms.

General Aidid claimed that an American officer directed General Morgan's attack. General Morgan is the son-in-law of former dictator Mohamed Siad Barre, who was driven from power in January 1991.

The fighting on Monday in Kismayu, a port 300 miles south of Mogadishu, forced American commanders to postpone the withdrawal of 1,000 US troops who were to hand responsibility for the area to the 700 Belgian soldiers there. American and United Nations officials said the fighting in Kismayu endangered peace talks set for March 15, which are aimed at reconciling rival clans in a land without a government for more than two years.

The latest violence could also complicate the planned transition to UN command, in which most of the 17,000 remaining American troops would go home.

General Aidid made no mention of an ultimatum by the American-led coalition on Tuesday, which ordered General Morgan to pull his supporters 50 miles northwest of Kismayu by midnight tonight. "You have to defend your freedom, your honour, and don't allow yourselves to be under colonialism," he said in his 15-minute message broadcast on Tuesday night and again yesterday.

General Aidid demanded that General Morgan's forces pull out of Kismayu and that the allies arrest him. He also called for unspecified neutral troops to replace the American and Belgian forces in Kismayu, and he asked the UN Security Council to send a fact-finding delegation to the port.

There was no immediate response from the Americans, but helicopters dropped leaflets printed in red and blue telling Somalis of the ultimatum to General Morgan and urging calm. Youths stormed and looted the Egyptian embassy, tearing down the flag, then threw two grenades into the compound where soldiers took up positions on the roof. One grenade wounded an unidentified marine lance corporal in the hip. *(AP)*

☐ **Kinshasa:** Troops from President Mobutu's bodyguard shot dead 21 Zaireans in a revenge shooting after residents hacked a colleague to death with machetes. *(Reuter)*

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Helping hands: skier Dee Dubin being carried to a helicopter after she and two other skiers were rescued from the mountains southwest of Aspen, Colorado, after being lost for four days. Five skiers, all from Colorado, who went missing in an avalanche were all found alive on Tuesday, although rescuers had all but given up hope of finding survivors. The last three, Mrs Dubin, 40, her husband, Rob, 38, and Brigitte Schlugar, 50, were found near Taylor Park. They were spotted by an army helicopter crew as it followed the trail taken by the other two, Ken Torp, 50, and Elliott Brown, 43, who had made their way to an isolated trading post. *(Reuter)*

Secret map 'details Rabin plan to give up land for peace'

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, is reported to have drawn up a "peace map" delineating where his government is prepared to give up territory in exchange for peace with the Arabs.

According to today's *Jerusalem Report* magazine, the map was drawn up by the Israeli leader, Shimon Peres, the foreign minister, and their senior aides. It sets out all the territory captured by Israel during the 1967 six-day war, which remains at the heart of the Middle East conflict.

Although the magazine did not disclose all the details of the map, which Mr Rabin is expected to unveil to President Clinton when he visits America next month, experts believe that it is possible to predict the main areas which Israel would be prepared to abandon.

The easiest territorial loss would almost certainly be the Gaza Strip, the overcrowded, violent and poverty-stricken coastal enclave that is home to 750,000 Palestinians. Most Israelis would abandon it tomorrow for a peace agreement.

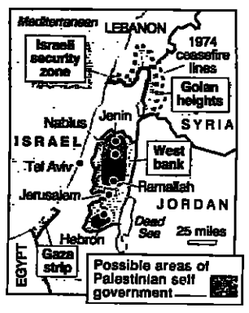
The occupied West Bank and east Jerusalem pose a bigger problem. Most Israelis would never consider giving up the Arab half of the city, which includes the Wailing Wall, the holiest site in Judaism. Furthermore, this government has made it clear that it would aim to incorporate substantial parts of the West Bank under a "greater Jerusalem", extending 14 miles south of the city, eight miles east and seven miles north, taking in about 25 big settlements. For security reasons the Israelis would also want to hold on to the Jordan valley.

According to sources, the best possible offer the Palestinians would receive at this stage would be control over a 16-mile wide strip of land connecting the Palestinian towns of Ramallah, Nablus and Jenin. A smaller enclave could also be given around the holy city of Hebron.

As Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, discovered yesterday during a helicopter tour of northern Israel, the strategic Golan Heights captured from Syria present a different challenge to the peace negotiators. The plateau dominates most of Israel's northern Galilee and even the smallest territorial concession would give Syria an important military advantage. However, in briefings for journalists yesterday it became clear that Israel may be prepared to give up all the territory, so long as its security concerns can be safeguarded.

Mr Christopher ended his Middle East tour last night having made progress in his attempt to persuade the Palestinians to resume negotiations. He appeared to achieve a modest diplomatic breakthrough during his last session with five Palestinian leaders.

Hanan Ashrawi, the spokeswoman for the Palestinian delegation, said that Mr Christopher had raised some fresh proposals in an attempt to resolve the issue of the 396 Palestinian deportees in southern Lebanon.



Until now the Palestinians have insisted that they will not resume their 16-month dialogue with the Israelis until all the men return and the government undertakes not to issue expulsion orders again. Israel has said that it will repatriate all the men by the end of the year, but Mr Rabin reserves the right to use deportations as a punishment.

"Everything is still pending, but there are some proposals worth thinking about," Mrs Ashrawi said. She added that the Palestinians wanted to discuss the substance of Mr Christopher's ideas with the leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organisation in Tunis.

Cubans go to polls for first time since Castro revolution

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

CUBANS voted in parliamentary elections yesterday for the first time since the 1959 revolution brought President Castro to power. Previously nothing more than a rubber stamp, the newly elected parliament will elect the Council of State, Cuba's main ruling body. However, unlike other countries starved of democratic elections for many years, there was little public enthusiasm in Cuba for the vote.

The main reason was that there were plenty of candidates but no choice. Not one of the 589 seats in parliament and 1,190 in provincial assemblies was contested. All the candidates were selected by grass roots committees of the ruling Communist party. Among the candidates are a number of public figures, including Alberto Juantorena, the Olympic gold medal 400m and 800m runner, and Javier Sotomayor, the world record holder for high jump.

The only suspense is over the number of people who vote and whether many will make a protest by abstaining or spoiling their ballots. Each candidate must receive more than 50 per cent approval from his constituency to be elected.

Although vote counting will be conducted publicly, it is unlikely that a total of spoiled ballots will be made public. Anti-Castro organisations in Miami linked to dissident groups in Havana say they expect 30 to 40 per cent spoiled ballots and abstentions; maybe more.

On Tuesday, Dr Castro urged all Cubans to vote "to defend the Holy Trinity: the country, the revolution and socialism". Despite his disapproval of Western-style election hype, Dr Castro, himself a candidate, went on the campaign trail in his constituency of Boniato, in Santiago province. "Those who want Cuba to become a Miami, those who want Cuba to become a Yankee colony, those who want the revolution destroyed . . . I can imagine what they will do: not vote, annul their ballots or they will invent things that in some way will be damaging," he said at a rally.



Castro: urged voters to defend socialism

Wayne Smith, the former head of the American diplomatic mission in Havana, who has become a leading critic of US policy towards Cuba, said: "These elections I don't think are very meaningful. The one new element is the precedent being set — that Fidel and the other top party leaders must stand for election. This is a small step. It is a process that could be refined over the years to be more democratic."

Mr Smith, who talked to Dr Castro recently, said he sees no signs of the Cuban president bending to international pressure. "These elections have more to do with domestic politics than any desire to please the West," he said.

In Geneva on Tuesday, the Cuban government came under renewed attack for its human rights record. In a report to the United Nations human rights commission, Carl-Johan Groth, a UN appointed investigator from Sweden, said Cuba was suppressing political dissent and mistreating prisoners. He also said an American economic embargo against Cuba was "totally counterproductive". The UN report said the collapse of communism across eastern Europe had aggravated Cuba's economic situation but had not led to any changes in its internal policy.

In an effort to find new sources of fuel and markets for its sugar harvest, Cuba had been seeking to repair its trade relations with friendly countries. It recently signed a modest trade deal with Russia, bartering oil for sugar.

Paraguay files lay bare past horrors

BY GABRIELLA GAMINI

THE sinister tale of Paraguay's 34-year dictatorship is best forgotten, some say. But a huge pile of damp, dusty files uncovered in an old police station outside Asunción will make forgetting difficult.

The police records relate with gruesome detail the "dirty war" waged by the security forces under General Alfredo Stroessner, the former dictator, against left-wing activists, or anyone considered "subversive". They provide the first conclusive proof that hundreds were detained, tortured and executed without trial.

Piles of photographs and testimonies of military officers involved in torture in clandestine camps were also found, alongside bones in a nameless grave only yards from the police station. It is the first time such details, which can be used as evidence in trials against military officers, have been found in a South American country with a history of dictatorship.

The finding of the documents will initiate trials against dozens of military officers. General Benito Serrano, the former head of military intelligence who was General Stroessner's right-hand man, has been arrested. "The finding of the archives will trigger off dozens of trials," Dido Florentin, Paraguay's ambassador to Argentina, said.

Paraguay last month issued an extradition order for General Stroessner from Brazil where he went into exile in 1989. It has evidence that connects him personally to clandestine killings during his regime.

Pictures and accounts relate the sadistic methods of another of General Stroessner's closest collaborators, Pastor Coronel, former chief of police investigations, who also faces trial. He gave names like "democracy" and "La Paraguaya" to instruments of torture.

The documents show how the security forces planned the massacre of thousands of mostly illiterate farmers throughout the 1970s because they belonged to an agrarian union. "They believed nobody would care about the loss of poor farmers in remote areas," a human rights worker said.

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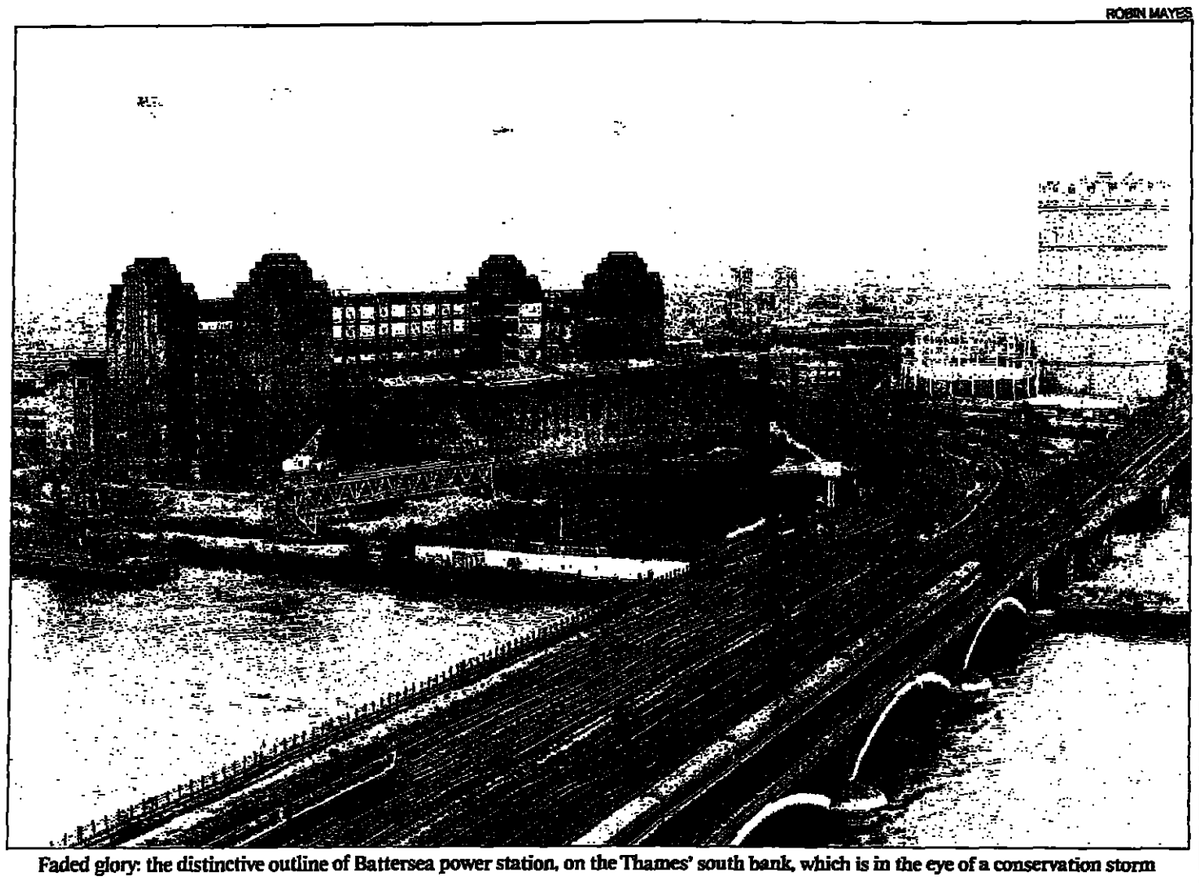
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Powerless to stop the rot

After the surprising sale of Battersea power station, Rachel Kelly wonders if its potential will finally be realised

ROBIN MAYES



Faded glory: the distinctive outline of Battersea power station, on the Thames' south bank, which is in the eye of a conservation storm

Nearly five years ago, Margaret Thatcher trumpeted the redevelopment of Battersea power station site as a "wonderful example of private enterprise and local government working hand in hand to the benefit of Britain".

Far from being a success story, the history of the redevelopment of Battersea power station and its 31-acre site, since it ceased to provide 20 per cent of London's daily electricity in 1983, has been near disastrous, according to conservationists and local residents' groups. Time will show whether the property-owning Hwang family from Hong Kong, who this week bought the site, will reverse recent history.

To date, all that has been promised for the site since 1982 has failed to materialise. Meanwhile, the fabric of the building has steadily deteriorated.

The original plan was to create a theme park to rival Disney. The power station , one of the grandest monuments to 1930s industrialisation, would have been suitably honoured as the centre-piece of the scheme. There would be spectacular rides, shops and restaurants, which would attract three million visitors a year. The scheme would be ready by 1986.

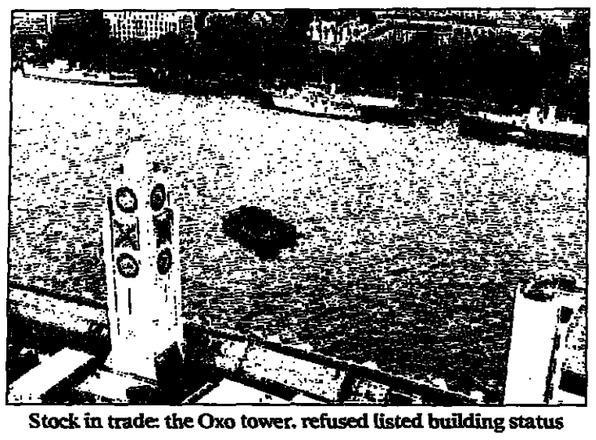
So promised John Broome, a north-country property . His scheme and track record at developing theme parks — he was the man behind Alton towers — convinced the Central Electricity Generating Baord. He won their 1983 competition to find a viable future for the "Colossus of Battersea".

But the Disney-type theme park promised by Mr Broome did not materialised. Despite selling Alton Towers, he still did not have the funds to proceed. The 1991 accounts of Battersea Leisure, the company which owned the site, show debts totalling £91 million.

In an attempt to rescue something of his plans, Mr Broome then came up with a second scheme, for which planning permission was approved in principle by Wandsworth council in 1990. This was a much larger scheme, incorporating the original leisure plans, but combining them with a second hotel and office development on surrounding land, including an site adjacent to the power station.

Although Mr Broome did not own the site, he applied for permission to develop it on behalf of Park Securities, its owners, a property company now in receivership. Legal agreements with the council and the owners of the adjacent site have still to be completed.

As planning permissions have come and gone, the building has steadily declined. Work began in 1988 when the roof was removed and the interior gutted in preparation for redevelopment, but work stopped in March 1989, after the consortium backing Mr Broome complained that costs were escalating. Defects in the building, including asbestos and sulphur penetration of the 80 million bricks, had been uncovered by the contractor Sir Alfred McAlpine.



Stock in trade: the Oxo tower, refused listed building status

"The building is the Mount Everest of conservation," says Marianne Watson-Smyth of Save Britain's Heritage, a conservationist charity which seeks to preserve historic buildings. "It has everything wrong with it: asbestos, subsidence, problems with the foundations which are built on London clay."

A further catalogue of problems has dogged the site. "There has been indecision and a lack of communication and a history of planning problems with the site," says Ms Watson-Smyth.

Save the Power Station, the local residents' pressure group, has been monitoring the decline in the building's structure. Its most recent evidence, photographed at dead of night, shows the damage to the Art Deco control room adjacent to the four-square hulk which remains of the main building.

The control room is a specifically listed and supposedly protected feature. On January 16, Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary, answering a question from Tony Banks MP, said that the control room was inspected every three months, and that, at the last inspection in October 1992, there was no problem.

Yet the group's photos show water leaking in through the ceiling, from the flooded roof above. There are holes in the moulded ceiling, and in the annex to the control room a fireplace has been ripped out and removed.

"There is security, supposedly, but anyone can just walk in. We did," says Ernest Rodker from the group. "Naturally people want to nick things from somewhere held so dear in the nation's affection."

John Broome's office says it has spent £18 million on the building in steel reinforcements in the last three years. Philip Davis from English Heritage says that the building is waterproof and weathertight, and he denies all the resident's suggestion of damage.

Earlier this month, English Heritage refused listed building status for the Oxo tower, another South bank landmark.

The tower, between Westminster and Blackfriars bridge not far from the National Theatre, was to have been the centrepiece of the neighbouring Coin Street community buildings scheme. The developers planned to renovate the tower and add a roof top restaurant and brasserie.

> 'It is the Everest of conservation, with everything wrong with it'

The failure to list the building will make any scheme more expensive. If a building is listed, alterations are zero-rated. Coin Street wishes to continue with its plans and preserve the tower, but conservationists now fear that, if it decided to demolish the tower, there would be nothing to stop it. Any future developer less sympathetic than Coin Street would be under no restraint. Conservationists draw attention to the tower's unique features. Its windows were designed by the food company to get round the old London County Council's advertising restrictions with windows on all four sides spelling out the word Oxo.

The commitment of the Hwangs has yet to be shown, although they seem to have the financial resources to proceed with redevelopment.

Their company, Hong Kong Parkview, was recently reported to have taken a 20 per cent stake in a US$500 million (£342 million) Japanese theme park which will cover 23.8 hectares 30 minutes outside Tokyo.

Victor Hwang and Hwang Cou-shiuan have invested heavily in Hong Kong through their Taiwan-based Chyau Fwu Group and the Hong Kong Parkview Group, the chairman of which is George Hwang, another family member. Property is the Hwang clan's main interest. Their Hong Kong Parkview development in the British colony is a 980 luxury-apartment complex, estimated to be worth in excess of £1 billion.

But there are already mutterings from the Hwangs that the cost of repairing Battersea power station may be prohibitive.

What future is there, then, for the South Bank? Wandsworth Council, Save Britain's Heritage and Save the Power Station will all examine any schemes that the Hwangs present. It is up to John Major to improve on his predecessor's record and preserve the South Bank's glory.

Prophet of the end of the world

John Wroe foreshadowed a tradition of millenarianism still flourishing today

In 1822 John Wroe told his followers that the end of the world was imminent. They must make a New Jerusalem suitable for His second coming. It must be in Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.

Expecting the end of the world goes in and out of fashion. It was very popular in the early 19th century, attracting thousands of followers to a range of odd churches. In America people are keen on it now — if the 65 television and 922 radio stations devoted to End-of-the-World-News alone are anything to go by. In South Korea it was popular last year — at least, until midnight on October 28, when it failed to arrive.

It is easier, at 180 years distance, to see why people suddenly flocked to such churches. Mr Wroe's followers lived in hard times. Industrialisation was breaking up traditional communities. People sought solace in opium, gin, and religion.

The English prophet of the apocalypse with the biggest following (over 100,000) was Joanna Southcott, a domestic servant from Devon, to whom God appeared in nightly visions. Her following sprang up in rural areas and in the factory towns of the north, and was predominantly female. Southcott was strong on male wickedness, and on the evils of wealth and inequality. Hers would be a socialist heaven, and would begin when she, by this time 63 years old, gave birth to the second Christ.



Jonathan Pryce as John Wroe in the BBC adaptation

Although she swelled to a great size, she died undelivered in 1814, and her followers dispersed. George Turner, who led one group, not only claimed the world was about to end, but demanded the abolition of tax. He was charged with high treason, but then sent to an asylum. When he came out he announced that the Lord had told him he was to have 15,050 wives. Prophet John Wroe's requests were, in comparison, moderate.

Wroe, the hunchbacked son of a Bradford woolcomber, became religious suddenly, after a serious illness during which he saw visions. God instructed him to join the Jewish faith, but his attempts to do so were unsuccessful, and he turned to the Southcottians instead. God advised him "to go to the different bodies of the believers in the visitation of Joanna Southcott and George Turner, and to the Jews, and into all nations, and preach the Everlasting Gospel, and speak with his hat upon his head". Wroe's wife, with three small children on her hands, was not pleased, and the marriage appears to have suffered.

Under Wroe's leadership the Southcottians became the Christian Israelites, and made their headquarters in Ashton-under-Lyne, which was to be the site of Christ's second coming.

Ashton was a promising choice. King Cotton and mining had made it a boom town. A local mine owner donated £9,500 to the Israelites to build a Sanctuary. It was described as "a miniature Solomon's temple of sumptuousness", with seats and galleries of polished mahogany, and fittings of silver and bronze. The working population, many living in shanty-town conditions, was a hotbed of political radicalism: it was a good place for the New World to begin.

Some of the facts about Wroe are disputed; of his ability as a prophet, his faith, and his showmanship, there seems little doubt. To one crowd assembled on a field near Ashton he declared: "A light shall break forth out of this place, which shall enlighten the whole town with a light also to enlighten the Gentiles." The Ashton gasworks were built on the spot soon after.

Wroe incorporated many aspects of the Jewish faith into his church. He led the way with male circumcision, choosing to have himself publicly circumcised before a crowd of the faithful. He prophesied accurately the collapse of the woolcombers' strike, crop failures and thunderstorms, and the coming of aeroplanes.

His missionary worknok him throughout Britain and much of Europe, and four times to Australia where he died in 1863. He never carried money, nor could he read or write. Yet he amassed a fortune, and built, near Wakefield, a mansion called Melbourne House in honour of the Australians who paid for it.

He was strict about the detail of his followers' lives. There was an extensive system of bizarre punishments for transgression, which his enemies seized on as evidence of debauchery. One day he told his congregation that God wanted him to have "seven virgins for comfort and succour". Which is where the fiction begins . . .

Nine months later, when Wroe was hounded out of Ashton he had the foresight not only to call down a plague upon the town, but also to take his printing press with him, so he could continue to spread the word, which he did for another 33 years. He seems to have been canny enough never to set a precise date for the world to end.

● Mr Wroe's Virgins, *from the novel of the same title by Jane Rogers, is being screened on BBC2 on Wednesdays at 9.25pm.*

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The cost of a pale face



ALTHOUGH there may be no reason to question Michael Jackson's assertion that he does not bleach his skin and that his increasing pallor is due to vitiligo, there is no doubt that other people do lighten their skin. Jackson is fortunate that his vitiligo appears, unusually, to have produced a generalised and fairly even loss of pigmentation, normally it is patchy.

Attempts at de-pigmentation are usually made by using a hydroquinone cream: a drug which when applied to the skin increases the speed of removal of the dark pigment melanin from the melanocytes in the skin. Hydroquinone may also inhibit further melanin production so the skin remains whiter.

Britain and America have strict rules as to the concentration of hydroquinone which may be used in cosmetic creams, but this cautious approach is not always observed in other parts of the world. From time to time, reports appear in the medical press of the damage which can be done to the skin, and to general health, by the over-enthusiastic use of de-pigmenting agents brought back into Britain. Even weaker-strength hydroquinone should never be used near the eye for fear of causing damage.

In some cases a particularly tragic result has been observed as the skin can react to over-strength hydroquinone by developing a patchy depigmentation, with the non-bleach areas turning blue-black.

The more usual reaction to over strength cosmetic bleaches is that the skin becomes red just as it would if it had been burnt by the corrosive substance phenol, better known as carbolic acid.

The general ill effects caused by the absorption of hydroquinone are similar to those of phenol poisoning. In mild cases there may be nothing worse than pain, perhaps associated with nausea and diarrhoea but in more severe cases, kidney, liver and lung damage have been reported.

Ruth's bad birth choice



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

PIP Archer's arrival in this world, and in Ambridge, was heralded by the screams of her mother Ruth: screams the like of which have not been heard in a labour ward since the dark ages of obstetrics. If only Ruth Archer, or even her doctor, had learnt about ambulant epidural analgesia (pain relief which allows the patient to move about, and feel and participate in childbirth) listeners would have been saved a harrowing and noisy few minutes. Pregnant women awaiting their own delivery would have been spared an experience which must have filled them with foreboding.

Perhaps Ruth asked to experience childbirth and felt that an epidural would so remove the sensations that she might have felt like a bystander at her own delivery. After a successful standard, rather than ambulant, epidural, delivery can be virtually painless and there are stories of women who continue to read, write, telephone their friends or watch television while giving only an occasional cursory glance to their obstetricians busy at the other end of the body with episiotomy scissors and forceps.

If this was the only reason why Ruth Archer opted for what sounded like a labour ward shambles, she may have made an error of judgment — for having ambulant epidural analgesia does not deny a woman sensation from the waist down and does not produce paralysis.

Care is taken to vary the degree of analgesia and hence of sensation loss to accord with the mother's wish. A review of ambulant epidurals, which have been in regular use at Queen Charlotte's Hospital in London since 1990 where they were introduced by Dr Barbara Morgan, a consultant anaesthetist, has recently been published in *Doctor* magazine. The ambulant epidural, when successful, aims for the relief of birth pain. But in most cases it preserves the ability of the woman to feel contractions, to walk about, to experience the sensation of the baby moving during labour and even the feeling, not the pain, of the actual delivery.

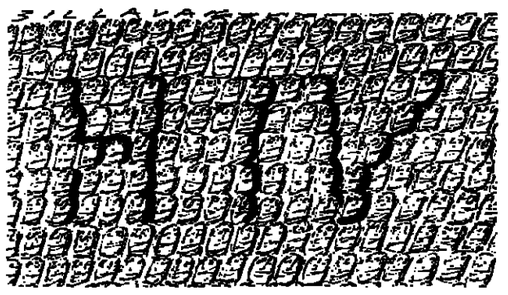
Women benefit enormously from being able to wander around while in the early stages of labour; one of the frequently repeated criticisms of the standard epidural is that mothers have to be kept in bed. Dr Morgan says that in those patients who have had both types of epidural, the improvement in mobility was as much appreciated as the loss of pain. Being confined to bed is not only bad for the patient's morale but the pressure of the baby's head, when the mother's lower half is being paralysed and anaesthetised, can cause obstruction to the placental blood flow.

Another advantage of the ambulant, as opposed to traditional, epidural is that the mother is able to co-operate. She can push when asked to: forceps delivery is therefore not inevitably necessary and normal deliveries are expected.

The mixture selected by Dr Morgan to provide pain relief in the ambulant epidural is one of 10mgs of bupivacaine and 20 micrograms of fentanyl. A technique has been devised by Dr Morgan's team by which quick analgesia is achieved by initial injection so the pain is never allowed to become established and the pain relief is then continued by repeated doses of the bupivacaine and fentanyl.

Although Ruth may have wanted to experience the pains of natural childbirth, which is her right, doctors are aware that many other women would rather have a painless delivery and that all women should have the right to choose their own style. Those who do choose an ambulant epidural should be encouraged to know that the great importance which used to be attached to the idea that the pain of childbirth was part of the foundation for good early bonding is now discredited.

"Quite a lot of women do want the pain to be left unmitigated: but even among those, many, once the pain has started, want it modified," says Dr Morgan. "The speed of action of the ambulant epidural makes this possible."



Positively negative

ALTHOUGH HIV is spreading relentlessly to women in the Far East, Africa, south America and the United States through heterosexual intercourse, in Britain, so far, the infection remains confined mainly to the original risk groups.

The journal, *Genito-urinary Medicine*, reports that at the Middlesex Hospital, anonymous, random testing shows that the number of women who were HIV positive in 1989-90 was the same as 1985 and 1987. Among those attending the genito-urinary medicine clinic, there was a prevalence of 1:300.

Meanwhile, as might have been supposed, the case of the midwife who transpired to be HIV positive has continued to cause anxiety for mothers delivered by her. This is in spite of assurances from doctors at the hospital, in Farnborough, Kent, that only those women who had had minor surgery, stitching or an episiotomy (cut) at the hands of the midwife need to be at all concerned.

Many people need a confirmatory blood test and to be shown a piece of paper with "HIV 1 and 2 negative" written on it before they can relax. This case reopens the argument as to whether medical workers from areas where HIV is endemic should be tested. The midwife at Farnborough came from Uganda, where more than 75 per cent of all cases seen in skin clinics — skin problems are often an early manifestation of the disease — were HIV positive.

Terminally ill patients on both sides of the Atlantic will soon be using their 'living will' to prevent doctors or nurses keeping them alive

Passport to an unknown country

Aileen Ballantyne on how more and more people are finding that they can gain control over the end of their life

For decades, doctors have made the decisions about the manner of our deaths. It has been up to them whether to offer the most vigorous high technology medical treatments and whether to allow nature to take its course and let the patient slip quietly away.

Now, that age-old right is under challenge. Next Tuesday, the British Medical Association and the Royal College of Nursing will publish joint guidelines on marking some seriously ill patients' notes: "do not resuscitate".

The guidelines will mean that when a consultant identifies someone for whom cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is inappropriate because, for example, they are already suffering from terminal cancer or have suffered a major stroke, this must be clearly stated on their notes. Many consultants will judge that when such patients' hearts stop, or they stop breathing, this represents a terminal point in their illness and that to attempt to revive them would be wrong.

Until until now there has been no clear-cut policy on how this clinical judgment should be indicated, even to members of the medical and nursing team caring for the patient. The RCN have succeeded in persuading the BMA to write the decision in the patient's notes where all the medical team, and the patient's relatives if they wish, can see it clearly. The resistance to this move by doctors until now was a "hangover from the paternalistic tradition of medicine," an RCN spokeswoman said.

June Andrews, a member of the RCN's ethics working party on resuscitation, stressed that decisions must be discussed fully with relatives. "Many people do not realise that they have a choice in these matters."

The move follows the backing by the BMA, in November last year, of patients' "advance directives" or "living wills". These documents make the individual's wishes clear to doctors about accepting treatment to prolong life artificially if they find themselves unconscious, or otherwise mentally incapacitated with a condition from which there is no reasonable prospect of recovery.

At least 60,000 people in Britain already have such documents, according to the Voluntary Euthanasia Society (VES), which issues them. The society says it has been "inundated" with requests for such forms since the case of the Hillsborough victim, Tony Bland, who is in a persistent vegetative state, came into the news. The Law Lords have recently ruled that uncoupling Tony Bland from his nutrition tube would not be unlawful, thereby establishing that artificial feeding is a form of medical treatment that a patient can justifiably refuse.

> Mr Collins's main fear is of Alzheimer's or senile dementia

Dr Fleur Fisher, head of ethics at the BMA, says there is no need to fill in a special form. Anyone wishing to make an advance directive simply has to carry a credit-card sized piece of paper in their wallet saying they have discussed their wishes with their GP or other doctors responsible for their care.

The BMA says that the Law Lords ruling on the Bland case does not make advance directives legally binding on doctors, although the Voluntary Euthanasia Society believe it means they will now have to be put into effect by doctors. Sir Thomas Bingham, the Master of the Rolls, commented that if Mr Bland had made such instructions, his doctors would have been acting unlawfully if they did not comply "even although the patient's death would inevitably follow".

The BMA stress that such directives should not have the force of law because, in some cases the patient could inadvertently misdirect his doctor "by an inadequate appreciation of the circumstances". Also, a legally binding advance directive asking for every possible life-prolonging treatment could "distort resource allocation".

The chances of a teenage boy writing such a directive are slight, but more and more healthy and relatively young individuals are giving thought to the matter.

Among those who now carry a card are Nigel and Judy Collins, from Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire. "It is a matter of human dignity," says Mr Collins, 45, a fine art dealer. "Medical progress means that it is possible for doctors to keep us alive far longer than before, but in spite of the very good work done by the hospice movement and many advances in pain control there are still a small percentage of cases where pain can not be adequately controlled."

Mr Collins's main fear is of Alzheimer's disease or senile dementia. "I want to be able to indicate to the people who have my best interests at heart, while I am still in a sound frame of mind, that if I became ill in that way I would not wish my life to be prolonged," he says.

Mr and Mrs Collins have discussed their wishes with their two teenage sons. Each has their own definition of when, for them, meaningful life will have come to an end. For Mrs Collins, the time when she would wish to be allowed to die peacefully is when she is no longer recognisable to her sons as the mother they once knew.

While the Bland ruling is likely to bring British practice more into line with the United States, Canada and New Zealand, it still falls far short of the position in The Netherlands where active voluntary euthanasia is permitted for terminally ill patients under tightly defined conditions. The BMA stresses that there is a distinction between "active intervention by a doctor to terminate life and a decision not to prolong life".



Forward planners: Nigel and Judy Collins, with their voluntary enthanasia card. Both are aware of some cases where medical treatment is unable to control pain

Kate Muir on how the new law for 'living wills' has been accepted in hospitals throughout America

In America there are 1.2 million "negotiated deaths" every year, when a decision is reached to end the treatment of a terminally ill patient.

As medical technology has advanced, the need for living wills has increased. In 1991, the Patient Self-Determination Act became federal law. This law insists that every patient entering an American hospital has to be told about the right to refuse a life support machine. Details vary from state to state, but patients must be given a chance to write a living will or appoint a proxy who will make decisions on their behalf if they become incapable.

Forty states now recognise living wills, and the rest accept some form of proxy appointment. A typical living will is one-page long and directs doctors to "withhold or withdraw treatment that merely prolongs my dying, if I should be in an incurable or irreversible mental or physical condition with no reasonable expectation of recovery".

An estimated 15 per cent of Americans have made living wills. Polls show that nine out of ten people approve of the idea, but most people do not bother to consider the matter until they become ill.

The Self-Determination Act — which covers all health institutions taking Medicare and Medicaid funds — was passed following the case of Nancy Cruzan, a 33-year-old woman who had been in a "vegetative state" in hospital for seven years after an accident. Herfriends petitioned the Missouri courts to allow her life-support machines to be turned off. But the state courts insisted on "clear and convincing evidence" that Ms Cruzan would have wanted her family to withdraw tube feeding. The Supreme Court upheld the decision.

Ms Cruzan's life support machine was turned off only when three other friends were found who had known her under her maiden name and could confirm she had expressed wishes not to have her life artificially prolonged.

In America, a living will or the appointment of a proxy is a boon for families who can be bankrupted by a patient who stays in hospital for several years, with minimum bills of more than £100,000 a year. Medical insurance can run out, and families are left to pay while being unable to take a decision to end treatment on the patient's behalf.

The non-profit group, Choice in Dying, promotes the use of living wills, and tries to inform communities about their existence long before the question arises in hospital. Patrick Hill, the group's education director, says: "When a patient arrives for a tonsilectomy, say, and is suddenly asked to sign a form about life support machines and tube feeding, they find it frightening, and worry that something serious is wrong with them."

Instead, he says, family doctors should try to discuss the matter far earlier. "People should sign these documents when they feel comfortable, and not when they're facing a medical crisis."

All for Lorenzo

Does the story of a sick boy's survival offer false hope?

The jungle drums have been beating loudly for a film that opens in London tomorrow. *Lorenzo's Oil*, the story of a young boy saved by the single-mindedness of his parents, tells so touching a story of parental dedication that it would take a heart of stone to remain unmoved. But let's try.

For anybody who has spent the past six months in purdah, the plot so far is this. Lorenzo Odone, the five-year-old son of an Italian banker and his American wife, has inherited from his mother a fatal congenital disease, adrenoleukodystrophy, or ALD. When it is diagnosed in 1984, the boy is given two years to live, but his parents refuse to accept the hopeless prognosis.

By sheer determination and a refusal to bow to medical opinion, they seek out a cure — Lorenzo's Oil — which arrests the course of the disease. Not only is the story a hymn to parental love, it also cocks a snook at the medical profession, too ready to see patients as collections of symptoms.

Largely missing so far is any critical examination of whether the method works. The Odones are in no doubt, for Lorenzo is still alive, although crippled. He has not walked or spoken for more than seven years. He can barely see, and spends his days laying on a bed, or strapped into a chair. He is fed through a tube, and communicates by tiny twitches of his fingers.

Given that he was given only a couple of years to live, this sounds like success, but medicine does not advance by individual instances, however inspiring they may be. And in this case, it may be less inspiring than it appears: the doctor who is said to have given Lorenzo only two years to live denies it, and points out that he knows of a dozen patients who developed symptoms at the same time and are still alive, though they were never treated with the oil.

Establishing the truth is important because although fewer than 1,000 people have ALD, it has something in common with multiple sclerosis, raising hopes that Lorenzo's Oil, or something like it, will offer a cure. In both conditions, muscular degeneration follows damage to the myelin sheath surrounding the nerves.

The biochemical marker for ALD is the presence of a high concentration of long-chain fatty acids in the blood. There is no doubt that the oil promoted by the Odones does reduce this, a finding originally made in his laboratory by Dr William Rizzo, of the Medical College of Virginia, in Richmond.

He gives the Odones credit for finding companies to produce the oil, a mixture of oleic and erucic acid, and for pushing ahead with a trial, using their own son as a guinea-pig.

But does reduction of the fatty acids mean a cure? Lorenzo's parents insist it has delayed and even begun to reverse the course of the disease. The only true test is a proper survey, ideally one that compares the oil with other therapies, or with doing nothing. In the first such trial, Dr Rizzo treated eight boys, beginning in August 1987. Six deteriorated rapidly, while the other two seemed to show an improvement. One has relapsed, and the investigators have lost contact with the other.

A larger study, by Dr Hugo Moser, of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, followed 70 boys from the moment they first showed symptoms. All were given the oil until they lost sight and movement. Dr Moser concluded that the oil had made no difference. Worse still, he is soon to report that 40 per cent of patients treated with the oil can suffer a loss of blood platelets, which affects the clotting ability of the blood.

A British study, financed by the Research Trust for Metabolic Diseases in Children, has been going on for the past three years at Birmingham Children's Hospital. This uses a special diet, supplemented by Lorenzo's Oil, to treat ten boys with the condition. This month the hospital issued a statement saying that "it is too soon to know" whether the therapy was working.

This would seem to suggest that at best the usefulness of the oil is unproven, at worst that it might be useless or even damaging. Though frustrating, such a finding would be common enough in medical research. The danger with the uncritical way Lorenzo's story has been reported is that millions now believe the cure works, and that it was found despite the obstinacy of the research profession. Neither, it would seem, is really true.

Small wonder, perhaps, that in reviewing the film in today's *Nature*, Dr Fred Rosen, of the Center for Blood Research in Boston, calls it "entrancing, but pernicious". Hollywood has, once again, proved a poor ally of the whole truth.

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TRAVEL NEWS

High premiums on the peaks

The world's most exotic mountains could soon be available only to the wealthy, says **Ronald Faux**

Big increases in government fees for climbing some of the world's most spectacular but remote mountains are threatening to put the sport out of reach of all but the most wealthy and well-sponsored expeditions.

Travel companies specialising in mountain treks face a steep rise in costs as Third World countries try to cash in on the growing popularity of climbing by putting a high premium on their peaks.

Stephen Bell, the director of Himalayan Kingdoms, the Bristol-based climbing and trekking agency, says the "peak fees" imposed by some governments for climbs in the Himalayas are becoming exorbitant. The $1 million (£715,000) understood to have been charged last year for climbing Namche Bawar (24,750ft) in China has apparently been exceeded by Gangkar Punsum (25,000ft) in Bhutan. This summit is reported to have an even higher price tag with no refund for failure.

"Climbing in the Himalayas has never been cheap, but the Chinese are now charging exorbitant rates for everything, tents and yaks included. My concern is that the thrill of taking on the world's most exotic mountains could soon be beyond the reach of all but the wealthiest," Mr Bell says.

Everest, first conquered 40 years ago in June, has been a honey-pot for mountaineering expeditions ever since. Its undisputed status as the highest point on earth has attracted most developed nations in the world seeking to fly their flag from the summit. According to Mr Bell, the cost will depend upon which side of the mountain they attempt.

If the base camp is on Nepal's territory, the cost is $50,000 for up to five climbers with an extra $10,000 per head for a maximum party of seven. Starting from Tibet, the cost is only $500 per head for a group of 20. This covers only the peak fee. Hire of porters, yaks, transport and any supplies or equipment required is extra and may be expensive.

The Mount Everest Foundation, which has sponsored about 500 mountaineering expeditions on the proceeds of the first historic ascent in 1953, deplores the increases in peak fees being introduced by the authorities in some Himalayan countries. Bill Ruthven, the secretary, says: "It would be a sad day if ever fund-raising rather than their mountaineering potential determined expeditions to major peaks."

> Peak fees for some climbs in the Himalayas are becoming exorbitant

The trend comes as no surprise to Chris Bonington, the mountaineer and inveterate Himalayan explorer. "These countries are desperately short of foreign currency and they now see a way of raising some.

"If they can persuade someone to pay more than $1 million to climb the world's highest unclimbed peak [Namche Bawar] then that is obviously the market price. They have been extraordinarily slow in realising that this can be a good foreign currency earner."

Bill O'Connor, a professional mountaineer and Himalayan trek leader, blames the advent of big, commercially sponsored expeditions for raising Third World expectations. The high costs of climbing the big 8,000-metre peaks was spreading to many lesser summits, he said, and would have serious implications for the essentially low-cost "Alpine-style" expeditions by small groups of mountaineers attempting difficult goals.

"The price could become prohibitive. Only now is the rich potential of the caravans of trekkers and mountaineers being fully appreciated by Nepal. The country maintains an economic interest in its summits by limiting the permissions to climb them. There are only 108 peaks open to climbing expeditions and 18 peaks open to trekkers among the thousands of unclimbed summits in Nepal," Mr O'Connor says.

But price sensitivity may be having an impact on demand. Karakoram Experience, a climbing and trekking company based in Keswick and specialising in expeditions to Pakistan, has found a sharp difference in the appeal of treks to the north and south sides of K2, the second highest summit on Earth.

Tim Greening, the director, says fees in Pakistan allowed the company to market a K2 trek for £1,900 but a trek to the northern side of the mountain in China costs £3,500 because of the high costs imposed by the Chinese authorities. About 100 treks had been organised through Pakistan, but the company has yet to take the first booking for the Chinese side of the mountain. Customers are voting with their feet.

BILL O'CONNOR



On the road to Everest: such adventures could soon be reserved for the wealthy

Hunters head for Siberia

Wild animals are being exploited to bring in foreign currency

Some of the world's most unusual and beautiful wild animals are being hunted and shot by "package tourists" to Siberia who are being offered the chance to kill brown bear, moose and snowsheep.

There are no international regulations to protect snowsheep or moose but export and import licences are required for the brown bear. Wildlife in Siberia is being threatened generally by the destruction of the animals' natural habitat as the region joins the dash for hard currency following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Even the survival of the Siberian tiger — which is fully protected — is being jeopardised, despite attempts by local police to enforce the law. The Environmental Investigation Agency estimates that up to 50 Siberian tigers a year are being killed by poachers out of a total population of under 400, for export to the Far East. The agency says that there are now more of the tigers in captivity than in the wild.

A British company, Yakutintour, based in Horsham, Surrey, a subsidiary of a Russian company of the same name, is inviting would-be hunters to shoot the snowsheep "a unique animal which survives only in Yakutia", and which makes "a prestigious and unusual trophy" at a cost of £7,100, including travel and accommodation, during the short hunting season. The price includes the preparation of one trophy.

The firm also offers the East Siberian moose, "a big beautiful animal" at £3,200, and the Siberian brown bear for £2,350. The company does not offer trips to hunt the threatened Siberian tiger.

James Martin-Jones, of the World Wide Fund for Nature UK, said: "It is extremely worrying if people are turning up in a foreign country and taking wild animals. It could be very bad news indeed for species, endangered or not, and it needs fully investigating as a matter of urgency."

Yakutintour is represented in Britain by Alan Johnstone, who is English, and his Yakut wife, Svetlana Androsova. It has been operating in Yakutsk and Moscow for two years and employs four people in Britain.

Mr Johnstone said yesterday that hunts organised by his company were administered by Siberian representatives, although he was unsure about import or export controls and customs regulations.

The Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA) says that hunting holidays in regions where the natural habitat is under threat are morally questionable and could seriously harm some species.

Until the break up of the Soviet Union, few visitors were permitted into Siberia. Now the region is keen to gain foreign currency. Millions of trees are being cleared. The Siberian tiger is protected by the UN Convention in the Trade of Endangered Species (Cites). Brown bears are listed under Cites appendix two, which states that import and export licences are required to bring trophies back.

The EIA says: "If you walked through Heathrow arrivals with a bear trophy customs would stop you if you didn't have both the export licences and the UK import licence."

Mr Johnstone said he was not sure how bringing back trophies would work. "The trophy preparation is done in Siberia, they prepare the skin or the head or whatever. I'm not a hunter and I've never tried to bring one through UK customs, though I would imagine it would be necessary to deal with UK customs at this end," he said.

An EIA spokesman said: "How many private companies are setting up in Siberia? Presumably, everyone wants a share of the pounds and dollars that are going around for this sort of thing.

"There are no population estimates for the brown bear and you cannot guarantee that this is not affecting its population."

PETER VICTOR



In danger: the Siberian tiger

Out and about, no matter what

Holidays for disabled people have become big business, with companies providing tailor-made activity breaks



Laurence Kelly: back on the slopes

Active holidays which only a few years ago were barred to people with disabilities are now becoming big business, with many tour operators and travel agencies specialising in providing tailor-made trips.

Even skiing is now well within the capability of all but the most seriously disabled, as I found when I travelled with my disabled father to his beloved mountains.

He had long been an accomplished skier. That was until 1987, when a stroke left him paralysed in his left arm and leg. It was only after four years of physiotherapy, which restored some life to his leg, that he began to contemplate skiing again.

Jean Sturges, of the British Ski Club for the Disabled (0747 828 515), dispatched a map of Zermatt, the chosen destination, marking suitable runs. For a man with my father's disabilities there was no special equipment to recommend, she said, although the club can lay its hands on a bizarre assortment for those with other disabilities.

For the blind, the club recommends a horizontal "training" bar, which the beginner holds on to with a guide at each end. Above-the-knee amputees can use one ski for their good leg and instead of poles, "outriggers", which are arm crutches with ski tips attached to help skiers keep their balance. Paraplegics and others without the use of their legs can use sledges.

The club also offers special ski-trips run by Jean and Hubert Sturges, who train their own guides. They aim to keep the cost to roughly that of a package holiday.

The Uphill Ski Club (071-636 1989) is another charity which organises recreational skiing holidays for disabled people in Austria and Italy. Back Up (081-871 5180) concentrates on holidays for the spinally injured. It provides "buddies" to ski with the disabled.

The Zermatt ski-school introduced us to Hyronimus Sappl, who had been a guide for 30 years but had no experience with the disabled. The British Ski Club for the Disabled has yet to discover anywhere in the Alps with specially trained guides.

The lack of trained guides is recognised by the Uphill Club, which this year for the first time sent one of its instructors to Crested Butte in Colorado, in the United States, to learn how to instruct the disabled. "The US is by far the most sophisticated nation in helping disabled skiiers," says Bill Swygart, from the charity.

Without Mr Sappl's help, my father could not carry his skis, nor pick himself up when he fell down. A guide is therefore essential, adding £280 to the cost of the holiday which was otherwise no different from the cost for an able-bodied person.

Zermatt's 19th-century mountain train involved scrambling up a 1ft -step, pursued by able-bodied skiers deaf to cries of "careful, he's disabled". Safely on board, the ride provided a welcome rest.

For my father, getting down the mountain was almost simple by comparison. He could ski. Painfully, and often so slowly that we had to walk at the end of schusses — but he could ski. The old legs were back and he was sliding through the air with an ease — and elegance — he has not known for four years.

RACHEL KELLY

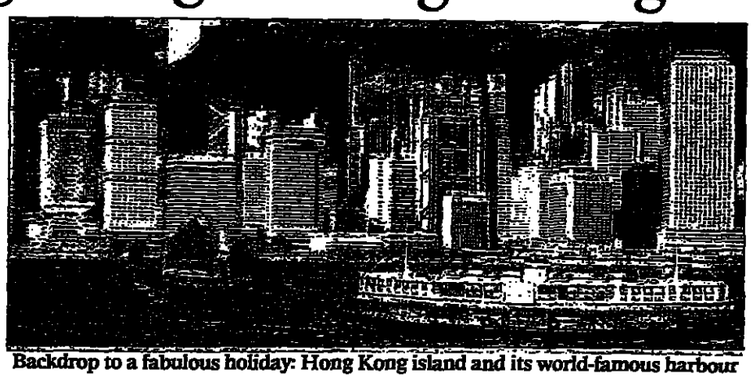
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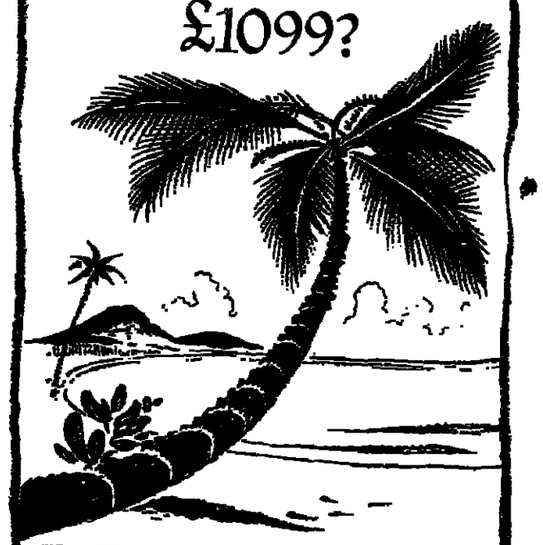
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American bankruptcy laws and passenger incentive schemes are putting international airlines under increasing financial pressure

Airlines in dogfight on Chapter 11

A bizarre piece of American legislation, which protects airlines which are technically bankrupt, is providing passengers with ever lower fares — but putting the survival of competing airlines at risk.

Airline chiefs both in the United States and Europe are now pressing for this law to be amended because, they say, it is indirectly providing more state subsidy than the help given to European nationalised airlines, about which so many complaints have been made.

When American airlines become insolvent, they can apply to the bankruptcy courts for protection from their creditors under "Chapter 11". This provision allows them to "freeze" their debts, postpone payments into company pension schemes, renegotiate contracts on leased aircraft, and cut staff salaries. If they default in paying airport fees, the sums involved are split among other carriers.

More than one-fifth of the total capacity of United States-based airlines is being operated under Chapter 11 protection, including routes flown by America West, Continental and TWA. According to figures from American Airlines, these airlines' costs are 17 per cent below those which solvent carriers, such as AA, have to face.

Because of their lower costs, airlines operating under Chapter 11 can then afford to cut their ticket prices and, by ignoring their debts, still make an operating profit.

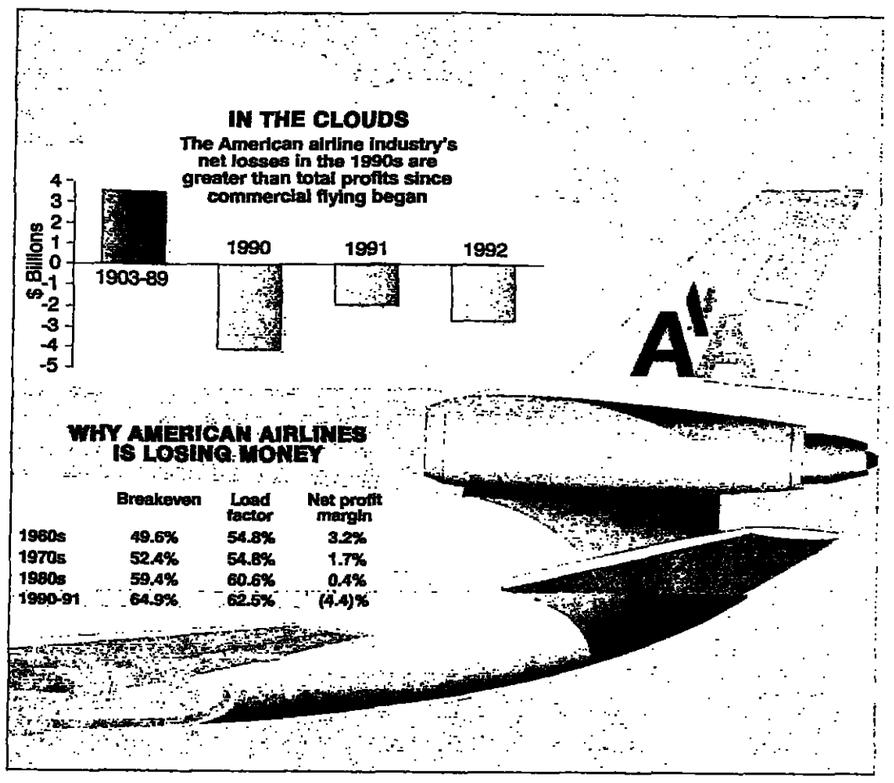
Air tickets are now sold in what is effectively the "perfect" market place, at least for buyers. Travel agents are equipped with sophisticated reservation systems, providing them with instant access to every airline's fares. And every airline is therefore exceptionally aware of every other airline's prices. That is why fares are usually the same across the industry, and why so many are being sold at well below break-even prices.

American Airlines is the biggest and most powerful airline in the world. Yet last year, it made losses of almost $1 billion (nearly £700 million), and is now pressing for Chapter 11 to be amended. AA claims that the recession is only partly to blame for its losses, and that the problems with the structure of the industry are more culpable.

"Because stronger carriers are meeting all their obligations, they are unable to make a profit with the lower fares in place," the airline maintains in a recently-published document, *The State of the Airline Industry*. "American does not believe that a successful, deregulated industry can co-exist with the only bankruptcy laws in the world that permit bankrupt airlines to operate indefinitely and so threaten the financial viability of the healthy carriers."

The problem is not confined to US-based carriers, either. The British negotiators in the bi-lateral "open skies" talks are arguing that until Chapter 11 is amended, there is little chance of agreement.

HARVEY ELLIOTT



Taking flight all for free

THE BENEFITS

Jack Crossley went to Boston using air miles, and relished the value

My wife Kate is a frequent flyer: she collects air mileage points faster than most people collect petrol vouchers. Other people like her, so it is said, are clogging the skies, filling too many free seats, and so pushing airlines to the point of bankruptcy.

On the face of it, she is cashing in handsomely on the bitter battle for custom now being waged by airlines around the world. But is it such a big deal? Would it not be both cheaper and more convenient to pay for one of the many package deals on offer from tour operators and travel agents?

Take our last trip. Whenever Kate has to fly to America, whatever her final destination, she flies Virgin to Boston. It is not only because she loves both the airline and the city, but also because the trip stacks up the air mile points for another free ticket to Boston.

Two free tickets enabled us to visit two old friends: Boston's oldest hotel, the Omni Parker House, and its legendary bell captain, John Brehm, who has finally left following 52 years' service and after having a suite named after him.

It was 16 degrees below on our first day, but our free tickets had had a "sell-by" date looming. So we got there and back for nothing, apart from £26 in taxi fares and £34 for return rail tickets to Gatwick.

The Parker House bill for five nights came to $777 (about £530), which included two breakfasts, one modest dinner and a small bar bill. The rest of the time, we ate out in establishments ranging from cute, James Thurber-style diners to posh hotels which twinkle with guidebook stars.

Prices ranged from $4 to $42 a meal. It was *good* eating, though: twin lobsters — lobsters are rarely home alone in Boston — at $12.75 in Ho Yuen Ting's place in Chinatown. In the Italian quarter, we faced another eat-all-you-can-eat extravanganza at Giorgio's for $3.95 each.

In Quincy Market, you can spend as much or as little as you like grazing at the food stalls, some of which have been there since the 1830s. In the summer, 50,000 visitors join the hustle, feeding on the move as they drift from stall to stall: scallops, clams, mussels, chowder, lobster, tacos, and mountains of gungy things like Boston brownies.

We spent hardly anything on taxis because Boston is one of the best cities in the world for walking. You can also take a delightful hop-on-off trolley ride round the major attractions. The guide's patter on these trips are a hoot: "You'll hear a lot about Paul Revere on this ride. In fact, you'll get sick to death of his name. Believe me".

History is around every corner, and, indeed, Paul Revere on most of them, with Cambridge and Harvard easily reached for a few cents on the city's rail system. We hired a car to visit Cape Cod for a day and that cost just $55.

Altogether, including a night in an Irish pub called the Black Rose, the break cost us $1,500, just over £1,000, although we did live well and it could have been done cheaper.

Is there a package out there which can do it better?

Where you can claim your freedom of the skies

THE OFFERS

Frequent flyer schemes are now common, and the benefits varied

The very success of frequent flyer offers — long-established in north America and now making their mark in Europe — is causing increasing concern among the international airlines. They feel forced to run these offers just to compete, but they now have millions of "free" seats waiting to be claimed.

Some airlines fear that a sudden rush to claim such seats could virtually wipe out their revenues.

At the same time, passengers are discovering the pitfalls of such schemes. With only a restricted number of flights being opened up to "free" travellers, there is a danger that the airline which they have so carefully chosen could go out of business, leaving them stranded with worthless vouchers and the high cost of finding accommodation at their destination.

Some premium fare passengers, however, now value an airline's frequent flyer programme almost as highly as punctuality and in-flight comfort. As a result, every quality airline has to offer its own programme or else risk losing business. It is the perks offered, plus the way these schemes save executive wear and tear, which makes membership essential for the regular traveller.

Leading schemes

Air Canada: "Aeroplan" scheme, with basic, prestige and elite tiers. Prestige benefits include free tickets and four upgrades a year.

Air France: "Frequence Plus" is a mileage-based scheme providing free tickets and upgrade vouchers. Shortly to incorporate Sabena.

Alitalia: Has tailored "Club Ulisse" to the British market. It simply awards two free economy tickets (on UK-to-Italy routes only) for every five business class fares.

American: "AAdvantage" has basic, gold and platinum levels. Free tickets and bonus miles are offered and upgrade vouchers are handed out to gold/platinum members.

British Airways: Executive club membership is tiered into blue, silver and gold. Gold members may be upgraded from time to time. The premier tier, which boasts the best benefits, is available by invitation only.

British Midland: Four flights entitle you to diamond club membership. Silver membership (ten or more flights) grants lounge access. Free tickets offered by both tiers.

Continental: "One Pass" comes in elite bronze, silver and gold tiers. Benefits include free tickets and upgrades.

Czech Airlines (CSA): "OK Plus", the only scheme of its type offered by an eastern bloc airline, grants lounge access, extra baggage allowance and upgrades at check-in time. Fly 50,000 miles, and CSA gives one ticket for use anywhere on its network.

Delta: "Frequent Flyer" is a mileage scheme awarding free tickets. Good customers gain access to medallion level, with additional offers including upgrades.

Iberia: Free tickets available under "Iberia Plus". Qualifying flights include those of subsidiaries Aviaco and Viva Air.

Japan Airlines: Recently launched "Mileage Bank" with free tickets, upgrades and other perks including vouchers towards the cost of European holidays.

KLM: "Flying Dutchman World of Difference" is tiered into blue, silver and royal wings. Silver grants lounge access and check-in priority while Royal allows use of first class lounges and check-in counters. Participating carriers include Air UK, Transavia and Northwest.

Lufthansa: "Miles and More" will shortly be launched in the UK.

Northwest: Free tickets and upgrades are offered by "World Perks" with its basic, silver and gold tiering. Gold members are routinely upgraded to first on US domestic flights.

Sabena: "Welcome" consists of plus, first and royal tiers. The programme will shortly include Air France services.

SAS: "EuroBonus" offered at basic, silver and royal viking gold tiers. Silver/gold members are entitled to telephone check-in, extra baggage allowance and privileges at SAS hotels. Gold members are also granted guaranteed seat and room availability at SAS airlines and hotels. Also accumulated when flying British Midland.

Swissair: "Qualiflyer" operates in conjunction with Crossair, Austrian Airlines and Singapore Airlines. Good customers are promoted to the travel club, which grants lounge access, extra baggage allowance and guaranteed seat availability.

United: "Mileage Plus" comes in basic and premier tiers. Premier benefits include free tickets and upgrading.

Virgin Atlantic: "Freeway" is a mileage-based scheme with free tickets, holidays and many other awards.

ALEX MCWHIRTER

A chef with altitude


Gaume: ingenuity tested

Emirates, the international airline of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), has recruited Bernard Gaume, the executive chef of the London Hyatt Carlton Tower, to design its inflight menus. M Gaume, the latest in a long line of top-flight chefs to take to the air in a consultancy role, faces problems some of his predecessors have never had to consider. *Robin Young writes.*

Emirates is not, despite its Arab roots, a dry airline. Indeed its complementary wines are chosen in blind tastings by British Masters of Wine. Yet, to avoid offending the sensibilities of observant Muslims, M Gaume is forbidden the use of all alcohols in his airline cuisine. This is problematic to a degree since alcohol is the western world's flavour-enhancer of choice.

"It is a bit of a problem, especially for the pastries," M Gaume admits, though as *Caterer & Hotelkeeper's* current Chef of the Year he should be amply qualified to get round it. "I use a lot of orange blossom water," he says, "which makes a tasty substitute for Grand Marnier. I can also use fruit juices, such as lemon juice or grape juice."

Like other famous chefs whose fancies have taken flight, M Gaume finds that cuisine at 35,000 feet is apt to taste very different from the same thing prepared and consumed at ground level.

"It is not only the effects of altitude and the pressurised cabin," he says. "The food must be prepared in advance, then transported, then reheated, or finished, in flight.

"We try to find dishes whose flavour will improve with keeping. Of course we are not allowed any pork, and for flights continuing to the sub-continent beef is banned as well, so it does make quite a challenge to one's ingenuity."

Get in line, hands forward

Moves to bring British clocks into line with European time will tomorrow get the backing of the Council for Travel and Tourism at a conference in London.

The Daylight Extra Action Group, a campaign body lobbying for the adoption of European time, believes that United Kingdom times are a source of confusion and disruption to travellers and businessmen. This view is endorsed by the council, which promotes the tourism industry and lobbies the government on key issues.

Britain is on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) in winter and GMT plus one hour from late March to late October. Most of Europe, however, is on Central European Time (CET), one hour ahead of GMT, with summer time two hours ahead of GMT from late March to late September. Moving the UK to CET would provide an extra hour of evening daylight throughout the year, except October.

The council says lighter evenings would give a boost to tourist attractions and facilities. It would also remove timetable complexities in October caused by different dates for the end of UK and European summer times.

It would mean darker mornings in winter, but, according to the council, this would be a small price to pay compared with the benefits, which would include easier business communication with the Continent. The move, if agreed, would also add about £600 million a year to tourist income. Ironically, the European Commission is reviewing the issue and there are moves afoot to drop seasonal time differences altogether.

Barry Goddard, the director of the council, says the issue will bring into focus the government's attitude to travel and tourism.

PETER VICTOR

TRAVEL LOG

A day at the races

THE former woman amateur champion jockey Elain Mellor has teamed up with Crystal Premier (081-390-8513) to offer "racing breaks", combining a look behind the scenes in horse racing with hosted race days. Sixteen hotels close to racecourses, including Newbury, Cheltenham, Ascot, Goodwood and Sandown, have been selected at prices from £59 per person.

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Philip Howard



The Romans were as anxious to get troublesome young oafs off the streets as we are

I dare say that the world really is going to the dogs this time. But it always has been, dear girl. In almost the first poem in Western literature, Hesiod (personally embittered by that eternal bone of contention, an unfairly divided family inheritance) laments how the Golden Age has gradually degenerated down from more precious metals into the contemporary Iron Age. In our case, I suppose, we groan in the Age of Litter, or Plastic. As it happens, Hesiod grumbled about overwork on a Boeotian dust patch rather than unemployment. But he certainly declared, in his eighth-century BC equivalent of the modern why-oh-why rant, that the world was going to the dogs. And subsequent writers have echoed his pessimism monotonously. When it works, as in Virgil or Milton or T.S. Eliot, this can inspire high poetry about the tragedy of being human.

A cure for our present fit of moral panic is to take a look back at the past. You do not need to dip deep into Dickens or Mayhew to notice that crime, desperation, destitution and despair were 50 times worse for the pitiful young crossing-sweepers and Artful Dodgers a century and a half ago. That was the dark underbelly of those ambivalent Victorian values of laissez-faire. Not much more than a century ago the police dared to patrol my daily scenic route to the word laboratory only in teams of four.

Shock-horror evidence about the problem of violent and dangerous teenage boys 20 centuries ago is about to be published by Charlotte Roueché of King's College, London. It comes from inscriptions in Aphrodisias, Augustus' favourite holiday resort in Turkey, a marble city that is being excavated by an international team. The problem at Aphrodisias was how to cope with young males in a settled society, where their traditional role as sword-fodder had gone because there was no fighting to be done. So what else is new?

The answer found in Aphrodisias was to get the lads off the streets and into public places such as the stadium or the gymnasium, to work off their surplus energy, train them, and keep them occupied with competitive games: the ancient equivalent of cold baths, Christianity and cricket. Unfortunately, we have no modern equivalent of an ancient gymnasium, which was essentially a place where a young man could spend all day, and not be bored or unoccupied. It was the best sport in town. There was no illusion that something called employment could be created simply to give people an identity. The business of keeping the young men occupied was realistically separated from questionable concepts of reward, earnings and wages, concepts whose thinness seems recently to have been realised by the prime minister.

A block of seats in the stadium was reserved for the young men, called *ephebes*, as football clubs today segregate rival supporters, and they were given a formal role in public events, such as singing hymns to the emperor. There were continual competitions, and it was all paid for by the richest citizens. In peacetime, in an advanced economy, it is hard to occupy young men — and extremely expensive. After the mysterious inflation of the third century, there were deep cuts in public spending, and the gymnasia became too expensive. Bright boys who had enough money still went off to receive academic education. But the dying Roman world was continually shaken by riots and crime, which commentators have always found it hard to explain, caused by groups of boys and adolescents.

Since the beginning of history, young males have used their excess hormones to the disadvantage of the rest of society, unless some outlet for them can be organised. In Aphrodisias they dosed them with continual press-ups, philosophy, wrestling and a place of their own for growing up in with their peers of all classes. The exit from the dangerous state of rogue male was seen, then as now, as the formation of a steady bond with a woman, and the romantically supposed calm of raising a family. But even that did not always soothe the male beast. There is a graffito on the temple of Apollo at Didyma in south-western Turkey that declares: "Up with the Unmarried." Young men are hell. They always have been. But they are interesting, and useful, and deserve more care than we give them.

Conor Cruise O'Brien hopes common sense prevailed at the talks between John Major and the president

How Clinton fell for IRA blarney

Yesterday's meeting between Bill Clinton and John Major should bring about some improvement in Anglo-American relations, at least for a while. The improvement is sorely needed, and we must hope that it may be sustained. With two exceptions, I cannot recall any period when Anglo-American relations were more strained than they are now. The first exception was in the last months of the first Truman administration in 1947-8, over Palestine. The second was in the last months of the first Eisenhower administration, in October-November 1956 over Suez.

It is no coincidence that both these crises developed in the run-up to an American presidential election; and that the present ominous rift in the lute of Anglo-American relations also has its origins in such a run-up period. What is unique about the present rift, however, is that is stems principally from *active* British official participation in an American presidential election, on the side of the losing candidate.

In 1947-8, Ernest Bevin was advised by the foreign office that Truman was certain to lose. He therefore felt free to treat the Truman administration with contempt. He knew the future was going to be Dewey. That meant presidential deference to the state department, which in turn deferred to the foreign office about its special relationship and taking no nonsense from the Jews. When the result gave four more years of Truman, Anglo-American relations suffered; as now in comparable circumstances.

The Suez case was somewhat different. Nobody actually expected Eisenhower to lose. Anthony Eden and Selwyn Lloyd made what they believed to be the crafty assumption that, since everything in America, in an election year, is governed by domestic politics, the Machiavellian moment for the invasion of Egypt was the eve of the presidential election. Subsequent events demonstrated that there had been something wrong with these calculations.

The British government is not solely responsible for the present deterioration of Anglo-Irish relations, though it is mainly so. Mr Clinton, as candidate, made a notorious contribution to it when in "his peace envoy" speech he condemned the wanton use of lethal force (by the British, not the IRA), said that Gerry Adams should be allowed into the United States on propaganda tours and that state governors should force US companies operating in Northern Ireland to adopt anti-discrimination practices which are regarded as harmful, not merely by the British government, the Unionists and Northern Ireland business, but also by John Hume and the Social Democratic and Labour Party.

As one who had supported Mr Clinton from the beginning of the campaign, I was not merely shocked, but puzzled at that speech. I knew, of course, that if elected, President Clinton would distance himself from such rhetoric (as he has now done) but I could not see why he felt the need to go so far, even during the campaign. Most of the Irish vote was coming his way anyway. Granted a candidate must butter up each ethnic group, but why use this particular butter? The brand supplied by John Hume, Tom Foley, *et al* is sufficiently oleaginous, God knows, and a rich source of ethnic electoral nourishment. Why send for the rancid stuff from the shabby shelves of Noraid?

What I didn't know, when I first read the reports of Mr Clinton's "peace envoy" speech, was that the British government had made itself an active participant in the Campaign to Re-elect the President. HMG had complied with the Bush request to search for any dirt that might turn up from the period of Mr Clinton's sojourn in Britain and Conservative Central Office had supplied advisers to help plan the Bush campaign, with what results we know. Thus, Mr Clinton had to see the "special relationship with Britain" as among the resources of his opponent. It must be assumed that traces of this attitude remain. Mr Clinton is a declared admirer of the late President Kennedy whose favourite maxim was: "Forgive your enemies, but remember their names." With Mr Major's name Mr Clinton has no difficulty.

Granted that fraught background, one might have expected the British approach to the new administration, in its opening weeks, to be somewhat low-key, circumspect and tactful. Not a bit of it. At the beginning of this month, a former British foreign secretary, David Owen, strongly backed by the present foreign secretary, was loudly pressurising the new administration to adopt, forthwith, the egregious Vance-Owen plan for Bosnia, tidying up everything marvellously, on paper.

The British side — most especially Lord Owen — was condescending towards the inexperienced Americans. The Americans were politely receptive; a bad sign. It was widely assumed, on this side of the ocean, that the Americans had decided to adopt Vance-Owen, with only minor variations. In fact, the Americans have decided to do it their way. Lord Owen's plan assumed, rashly, that American troops would have to be deployed on the ground in Bosnia. As I wrote on this page (February 4) "Those words probably seal the fate of the Vance-Owen peace plan".

The Americans have now unilaterally decided to launch an airlift for Bosnia, while the Europeans are simultaneously conducting humanitarian operations on the ground. The potential for disaster of this division of labour is enormous, not least for Anglo-American relations. Mr Major must try to make clear to President Clinton that the two methods of conveying humanitarian aid are alternatives, not compatible operations. Perhaps, at yesterday's meeting, that message was privately conveyed, and received. If not, great troubles are in store for the whole Western alliance.

Great game or national farce?

Our leading cricketers, so humiliated by India, at least deserve a West End run

William Rees-Mogg



One of the delights of English cricket has always been that it is a branch of English literature; no one has pushed that further than Graham Gooch. He is a character out of fiction, a period piece. He is at his very best as Sergeant Major Gooch of the Second Loamshire Rifles, somewhere in France, in the autumn of 1915.

"Act One; Scene One. A dugout in the front line. Sandbags and yellow mud. Enter Sergeant Major Gooch. He has not been able to shave since the push started, 48 hours before. His eyes are bloodshot and he has a dirty bandage, stained with blood, round his temples. There is the melancholy sound of a bugler blowing the last post, and a series of crumps from a distant barrage. Through the door of the dugout can be heard the strains of "Alexander's Ragtime Band", played on a cracked old wind-up gramophone." We all know what the plot will be. Dour, taciturn, dutiful Sgt Gooch will be driven to distraction and beyond by the happy antics of a young officer, Second Lieutenant David Gower, played in the style of Gerald du Maurier at the Haymarket Theatre, a butterfly at war. All Sgt Gooch's honest Loamshire blood will be boiling at the example set by the young officer's negligent grace.

Lt Gower will make frequent references to spiffing girls he has seen at the Empire, Leicester Square, and even more frequent references to his nanny, who is still the one woman he really loves. Sgt Gooch cannot stand Lt Gower talking about his nanny; it makes him feel even more dour, morose, disciplined, unshaven and generally undervalued than is his usual condition. He knows that by the end of the play, Lt Gower will have won the Military Cross and he will only have the Military Medal.

By the close of Act One, the two are on the worst of terms, made no better because all their tensions are exacerbated by Lance Corporal Gatting, a cockney lag who has lost a couple of stripes for some disciplinary misdemeanour which occurred before the action of the play began. Act Two consists of all three of them going over the top. There are more crumps, whizzbangs and flashes of light, and the old wind-up gramophone plays "It's a Long Way to Tipperary".

In Act Three some hunnish fiend throws a hand grenade into the dugout. It lands at the feet of Sgt Gooch. The young lieutenant swiftly seizes it, but he has already been wounded in his throwing arm so he hugs the grenade to himself, saving his sergeant's life at the cost of his own. He dies in Sgt Gooch's arms, his fair head nestling against the sergeant's grimy stubble. "Reckon the lad was a good 'un, after all," says the sergeant as the curtain falls. We all know he will get his at the Somme, about nine months later.

Like many of the best British actors, Graham Gooch can always be relied on to play himself, even to the point of self-caricature. After the disastrous tour of India he has commented, "I was right not to pick David Gower. I wouldn't change the side I picked, even in the light of what has happened." Like Michael Caine he stays defiantly in his own character in all circumstances. It might be thought that his comment was foolish to the point of the absurd. But it was exactly the curtain line that was needed at the end of Act Two.

The reconciliation scene which has to take place against the Australians next year requires that the great Gooch grudge against Gower should be re-emphasised at the end of the Indian disaster. However implausible such a comment may seem to the audience, it was needed to maintain the tension of the plot. Next June when David Gower makes an unbeaten century at Lords, after England has lost six wickets for 37, Gooch as captain will stride to the wicket and lead him back into the pavilion, with his arm round his rival's shoulders. All the members will give them both a standing ovation and sing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow", "We Shall Overcome" and the rest of the old MCC songs.

It is very British to enjoy dramatic plots which are simple and sentimental; that is what we are now being given. The only thing that is strange about the Gooch and Gower personas is that most of their literary development has taken place in the last hundred years. One could not easily cast Gooch in Shakespeare. I suppose he could play one of the tiresome barons in the history plays who are given lines like "Hail, Warwick," or "Ho, Essex," or even "By my troth, Canterbury." At a pinch he might play Mark Antony in summer rep. But Shakespeare does not really give much opportunity for his splendidly saturnine characterisations. Blacked up as Othello? Surely not.

David Gower is a little more Shakespearean; indeed Gower sounds like, even may be, a Shakespearean name. "Old Gower" could have been one of King Lear's attendants, or possibly Duncan's uncle. Gower's natural role is surely Richard II; if he had played the part in the year of Edward VIII's abdication, with the slight Hanoverian lisp affected by most of the sons of King George V, there would not have been a dry eye in the house. He would be good in Shakespearean comedy too, and could perhaps have played Romeo in a rather stylised way.

Yet even David Gower was most accurately portrayed by a more modern hand, that of Dorothy Sayers. He is the Lord Peter Wimsey of the cricket field; so far as I can remember Lord Peter does play cricket in one of the novels, and he certainly fought in the first world war, gallantly of course. This 1920s glamour makes David Gower's elegant amateurism seem out of date. There are none of these Balliol men left with their effortless superiority and their brilliant charm; the last such a Balliol man in politics was Ian Gilmour, and look what became of him. Nowadays if one comes across a Balliol man in public life, he is more likely to be a Gooch.

The pleasure of the Gooch-Gower clash is not however merely literary. It tells you that the England perceived by American journalists does really still exist, that all their talk about our still being a class-bound society has some residual truth to it. Can it be denied that cricket still perpetuates that long abolished fixture, Gentlemen v Players? Is not David Gower the English gentleman of countless romantic novels, the young lord into whose arms every self-respecting housemaid — when there were housemaids — dreamed of casting herself? "Oh young master, Sir, you are a one," she said, laughing softly.

Is not Gooch his romantic opposite, the strong, silent, surly gamekeeper, into whose arms every neglected countess wishes to throw herself? He would express himself in profound but brief sentences of unintelligible dialect, "thee, there, thicky, then, wass'n 'un?" He would weave daisy chains for delicate purposes in his big hands. Gower is the best of Wodehouse, a mixture of Mike Jackson and Bertie Wooster, meeting in Gooch the best of D.H. Lawrence. England is still a deferential class-bound nation, London still has hansom cabs and pea-soup fogs. Jack the Ripper is still moving stealthily along the cobbled streets of the East End. All is well with the world.

For the sake of English cricket, one must hope that it will all have a happy ending. The reason that Gooch and Gower have collided is that they represent not just different attitudes but different principles: cavalier and roundhead; Epicurean and Stoic; officer and NCO; grace and effort; cat and dog; light and dark; left-hander and right-hander. We all now sympathise with David Gower because he was left out, and has behaved so well.

We do not sympathise so much with Gooch who made a mistake and will not admit it. But Graham Gooch is a good man, and deserves some sympathy too. Like Atlas, he has been expected to hold the English cricketing world on his shoulders. In India it has fallen down and crushed him. It has all been one curry too far.

The next twist in the plot will be the future of the captaincy. Will Graham Gooch lead us against the Australians? Of course he must, the plot requires it. We cannot have the great reconciliation scene if Gooch is not on the field. After that I think it will be Graeme Hick. He is the one batsman in the England side whose potential may be equal to that of Gooch and Gower combined.

Butler abroad

WHY is Sir Robin Butler, the usually stay-at-home Cabinet secretary, on John Major's trip to Washington?

From the day he took up the post, as head of the Civil Service, in January 1988, Butler made it clear to Mrs Thatcher and later to John Major, that he would not be going abroad. The policy was in stark contrast to that of Lord Armstrong of Ilminster, his predecessor, who accompanied Sir Edward Heath, when he was his private secretary, and then Mrs Thatcher on most overseas visits.

Butler has been determined to concentrate on home matters, and leave foreign visits to colleagues in the Downing Street kitchen Cabinet, such as Sir Rodric Braithwaite, Major's personal foreign policy adviser, and Stephen Wall, who succeeded Sir Charles Powell as the prime minister's private secretary dealing with foreign policy issues.

The fact that Butler, Braithwaite and Wall are all in the prime minister's entourage, as is Sarah Hogg, head of the Downing Street policy unit, shows just how seriously the government is taking the trip.

Lord Armstrong is not surprised at the heavyweight list. "I travelled extensively and Robin has not. But if I had been in Robin's situation I would have expected to have gone. There are a lot of new people to make contacts with."

The Cabinet Office confirmed that Butler had made his foray abroad because "it is a new administration". Among others, Butler is expected to hold discussions with James Woolsey, the head of the CIA, and Anthony Lake, President Clinton's national security adviser. Lord Armstrong adds: "It is also useful to have someone there who can keep an eye on things back home."

● *On the prime ministerial plane, Major's thoughts were not on the US airlift to Bosnia, or the threat of a trade war. Not while there was England's cricket crisis to discuss. Major chatted animatedly to reporters about the Test side's collapse in India. Professing his belief that the real test will come with the Ashes the prime minister, an unabashed fan of David Gower's, is expecting national pride to be restored in the summer. Off the cricket pitch as well?*

DIARY

Dead meat

IF THE prime minister ever gets to meet Hillary Clinton, he should not be surprised, we learn, to find her in conversation with Eleanor Roosevelt, a dialogue apparently unhindered by the latter's death 31 years ago. But to whom do our leading figures turn for inspiration? Lord McGregor, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, insists that he is "not given to having conversations in my head. If I was I think I would be quite alarmed. The White House is probably an agreeable enough place but it has some strange inhabitants." Instead he looks to John Stuart Mill, "for his writing on liberty" and to Sir Isaiah Berlin, who "writes about the philosophical basis of freedom".

Writers also loom large with the historian Lady Antonia Fraser, who reads "female historians like Veronica Wedgwood", while food uplifts Sir Terence Conran, who finds Elizabeth David a "source of cheerfulness". And calories.

Gay days

YESTERDAY marked the tenth anniversary of the notorious Bermondsey by-election in which voters rejected the charms of Labour's gay activist Peter Tatchell in favour of the Liberals' Simon Hughes. But goodness, what the burghers of Bermondsey have missed. As founder of the *Outrage* group, Tatchell has staged a symbolic burning of lesbians and gays at the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury, a mass gay kiss-in at Piccadilly and a gay wedding in Trafalgar Square.

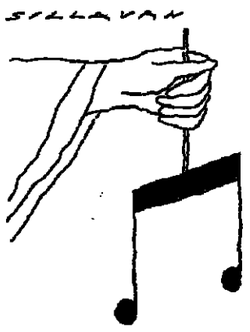
Tatchell these days is philosophical about his defeat. "I have had much more fun since then." Hughes, however, is lost for words. He has influenza.

Pause applause

HAVING stammered his way through *A Fish Called Wanda* the actor Michael Palin is to open a centre, set up in his name, for children with stammers. The centre, thought to be the first of its kind, will be based at Finsbury Health Centre, Islington. Travers Reid, the founder of the Association for Research into Stammering Children, who has stammered all his life, says: "This is a dream come true for us."

The actor, who is vice-president of the association, played the character Ken in the hit film starring John Cleese. It was because Palin's father, Ken, stammered that Cleese first consulted Palin about the character when he was writing the script. "He wanted the part played properly," Palin says.

● *BOW Street Magistrates' Court will have a break from its usual criminal fare in May. For eight performances, over three days, it will be the set for Gilbert and Sullivan's* Trial by Jury. *It is the first time the court has been used for any theatrical performance, says Mark Eynon from the Covent Garden Festival. "It is also a lot cheaper than building our own courtroom."*





Juliet and Romeo: Matalin and Carville in Italy

Adversity's sweet milk

FOR star-crossed lovers the path of true love never runs smooth. But for politically-crossed lovers the path has rarely been more profitable. James Carville and Mary Matalin, who found love despite coming from opposite sides of the political tracks, have sold their combined memoirs of the presidential election for $850,000 (£586,000).

The high profile romance between Carville, Bill Clinton's chief campaign strategist, and Matalin, a top aide to George Bush, was the talk of Washington during the election campaign. Never mind Democrat and Republican, this was Romeo and Juliet, Tracy and Hepburn all over again. Politically divided but commercially cute, the pair followed the election with a holiday in, of course, Italy. Now they are continuing the Montague and Capulet theme by bringing together two rival houses to publish their as yet untitled work. Sharing the editing will be David Rosenthal of Random House and Alice Mayhew of Simon & Schuster.

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A SOUND TRADITION

Conservatives need have no fear of a Maastricht referendum

As *The Times* put it 82 years ago: "All the objections to the principle [of a referendum] resolve themselves simply into crude impatience of any check upon the absolute power of any Cabinet that can, by any means, so play off groups as to secure a majority in the House of Commons." A government which rejects today's calls from press and public for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty should look back to the lessons of the past. Claims that referendums form no part of the Conservative tradition should be set beside the arguments in *The Times* of March 29, 1911.

We were writing then about attempts by the Conservative and Unionist opposition to break the constitutional deadlock between the House of Commons and the Lords. In an amendment to the Parliament Bill, the Unionist leader, Arthur Balfour, proposed that any bill that "affects the constitution or powers of either House of Parliament" would require validation by referendum if the two houses disagreed.

Balfour was following in the tradition of Disraeli's *Vindication of the English Constitution*. "There was a time", wrote one of the founders of the modern Conservative party, "when our kings affected to rule by divine right. It cost our fathers dear to rout out that fatal superstition. But all their heroic labours will prove worse than fruitless, if the divine right of kings is to be succeeded by the divine right of the House of Commons."

John Locke perhaps best described the limits of parliamentary sovereignty. "The Legislative cannot transfer the power of making laws to any other hands. For it being but a delegated power from the People, they who have it cannot pass it to others." Herein lies the case for requiring a referendum whenever the government proposes to transfer the powers of Parliament to another body.

Even that deeply conservative constitutional lawyer, A.V. Dicey, advocated the referendum as a reaction to Parliament falling into the grip of the party system. The referendum, he wrote, supplied "the best ... check upon ill-considered alterations in the fundamental institutions of the country", and it was "the only check on the predominance of party which is at the same time democratic and conservative".

Conservative leaders after Balfour agreed with Dicey. Stanley Baldwin proposed a referendum in 1930 on the issue of protection. In May–1945, Winston Churchill suggested one to determine whether the wartime coalition Parliament be continued until the end of the war with Japan. Margaret Thatcher, when in opposition, commissioned a group of senior Conservatives to examine the extension of the referendum principle. She had already, in 1977, floated the idea of holding a referendum on trade union power. By 1981, her government was attempting to introduce local referendums on the rates.

The idea of a referendum is not inimical to Conservative thought. Nor does it undermine parliamentary sovereignty. Three referendums were held in the 1970s: on Northern Ireland, membership of the European Community, and Scottish and Welsh devolution. The standing of Parliament was in no way diminished by them. Their merit lay in allowing people to vote on a single issue. As Balfour put it: "It is perfectly easy to say, when the Referendum is over, on what the Referendum was, whereas after a General Election every man says that it was upon the subject in which he is interested, if the election has gone in his favour."

This single-issue argument carries even greater weight when the electorate has had no chance to vote on a question of great constitutional import, whether because it formed no part of the winning party's manifesto, or because it formed part of all the competing parties' manifestos. The ratification of the Maastricht treaty was supported by Conservatives, Labour and Liberal Democrats alike in the 1992 election. Voters had no way to express their disapproval of such a policy.

Parliament can never be undermined by a referendum since it is Parliament that decides to call one and Parliament that decides to be bound by the result. If the institution of Parliament is being undermined, it is by the lengths to which this government is prepared to go to win support for its bill in the House — by paving debates won only by last-minute concessions and threats to expose MPs' private peccadilloes, by the avoidance of defeat this week through the autocratic expedient of refusing to hold a vote at all.

The saga of the conflicting legal advice adduced by the government over the social chapter amendment suggests that the prime minister is prepared to override Parliament altogether if that is what is required for Maastricht to be ratified. Thus is the sovereignty of Parliament corrupted.

There are other sound reasons, too, for holding a referendum on Maastricht. Even Jacques Delors admitted after the French referendum last year that "Europe began as an elitist project [in which it was believed] that all that was required was to convince the decision-makers. That phase of benign despotism is now over." If the people are not allowed to have their say now, they may choose other much less desirable means to vent their anger later.

That is not to say that a referendum would necessarily be lost. In 1975, when the leaders of all the main political parties, as now, backed EC membership, the vote was carried by a two-thirds majority. After that, Britain's membership of the EC was no longer an issue. Tony Benn, who fought hard for a no vote, conceded gracefully: "By an overwhelming majority the British people have voted to stay in and I am sure that everybody would want to accept that."

But suppose the government did lose. Mr Major could still face his Continental colleagues with honour. He would have done his best and would simply get on with government, just as we suggested in 1911, when we wrote that "politicians would very speedily distinguish between public rejection of a single measure and public desire to be rid of them altogether". Now, as then, "they would go on governing as long as they could get a majority in the House of Commons to support them."

In the end, whatever the great arguments of history and principle, politicians do what seems to be expedient. Harold Wilson was firmly against a referendum on the EC until 1972 when it proved the best way of holding his party together. Just as today, France, Denmark, Ireland and Norway were already holding referendums on the issue. Unlike today, he accepted the argument that if the French were to be allowed to vote on Britain's accession, the British should not be denied the right. The devolution referendum, too, was conceded as a way of winning votes from potential Labour rebels.

If Mr Major decides to change his mind on holding a referendum, it will be because he sees no other way of avoiding defeat in Parliament. That defeat becomes ever more likely as opponents to the bill come up with new amendments designed to unite sceptics and Opposition alike. If the prime minister stubbornly continues his devious route through the parliamentary hurdles, it will be at the cost of lowering the very reputation of government he is enjoined to maintain.

ETHEREAL BOUNDARIES

Orthodox Jews should be allowed their enclave

Last night, John Major and President Clinton met to discuss affairs of state in a mystical Jewish enclosure. Like dozens of civic buildings in America, the White House lies within an *eruv*, a symbolic area in which many of the prohibitions of the Jewish sabbath are suspended. *Eruvim* are accepted happily as part of the social tapestry of American life. In contrast, the attempt by the Jewish community in Barnet, north London, to create such an enclave on British soil has triggered a fierce local row over the proper limits of tolerance and the risks of separatism.

The Talmudic idea of an *eruv*, often attributed to King Solomon, is to "privatise" an area spiritually and make it a symbolic home for Jews. Within its ethereal boundaries, believers are permitted to carry keys, handkerchiefs and spectacles and to push wheelchairs and prams on the Sabbath, as they would in their own houses. Advocates of the Barnet *eruv*, which would enclose six square miles of leafy north London with almost invisible wires and natural boundaries, claim that it would make life easier for many Jewish people and reinforce their community's sense of identity without infringing the freedoms of non-Jews.

The borough has split angrily over the proposal, which is backed by the United Synagogue and the Chief Rabbi, Jonathan Sacks. Lord McGregor's scepticism forced him to resign as chairman of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust last September; since then, fears of Jewish fundamentalism have been voiced with increasing candour by the area's other communities. Within the Jewish community, there are many, including some Orthodox believers, who are nervous of ghettoisation and fear an anti-Semitic backlash. Some of those old enough to have lived through the Holocaust feel that Jewish people should never again be penned in by wire.

An *eruv* is not the same as an Indian reservation, a Swiss canton or a local authority, however. Not all boundaries mark out one zone of power from another as a warning to trespassers. Some of the markings that man scores into the surface of the planet are transparent and permeable, like a line of longitude or a leyline. The limits of an *eruv* are of immense significance to those that believe in its mystical meaning, but should be of practically none to those who do not. Few agnostics in this country are aware of the boundaries of the Anglican provinces or parishes, or are offended by the ancient ceremonies which mark them out, such as the "beating of the bounds".

The Barnet proposal shows that an *eruv* need not be aesthetically offensive. Since most of the suggested enclosure is already marked out by buildings or roads, only 85 poles linked by wire would be needed in an area which already has 40,000. Only the concern of bird-lovers ruled out the use of transparent nylon rather than wire. Such markers would scarcely be an eyesore or grossly offensive to non-Jewish sensibilities.

Britain is a land of crossable boundaries, in which Burke's "small platoons" co-exist and the rambler has rights as well as the property owner. To be acceptable, *eruvim* will need a high degree of democratic consensus from community groups, town halls and central government. But, introduced with sensitivity and respect for others' feelings, they could be a positive addition to the nation's religious geography and help define the proper boundaries of pluralism.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Labour, Clause IV and the unions

From Mr John Prescott, MP for Hull East (Labour)

Sir, Roy Hattersley calls for a new Labour party constitution (article, February 23). Some of the principles embodied in his new clauses, like the redistribution of wealth, would be endorsed by socialists. But the entire framework was embraced by the Social Democratic party as it sank into electoral oblivion.

The retention of the Labour party's name, no doubt a candidate for elimination in the next wave of changes, does not in itself define whether the party is left, or right, of centre.

The SDP was a centre party. It is not our name that distinguishes us from them, it is our political philosophy. The fundamental difference between our philosophies is our close and integrated relationship with the trade union movement, and the concept of public ownership, enshrined in Clause IV. These are both tenets from which Roy Hattersley advocates the party dissociates.

The modernisation of our links with the trade unions will continue to be a matter of debate. The National Executive is publishing a report this week on the relationship, which will be discussed by the movement at large, and it is clear from both Labour and trade union conferences that no one is calling for the link to be severed, but for it to be modernised.

Roy states: "The time has come formally to renounce the notion that socialism is synonymous with public ownership." It never was the position of the Labour party that socialism meant *total* public ownership, and that has been made clear in numerous party documents, which Roy supported.

Is he arguing that there is no role at all for public ownership? It is essential that the Labour party has always believed that public ownership is part of our philosophy. Public ownership, properly financed, is a better way of providing rail and health services than private ownership, as the public is aware from the experience of privatised gas, electricity and water companies.

What is undeniable is that public ownership is a distinguishing feature between a left-of-centre party and a right-of-centre party, whether in Britain or elsewhere in Europe.

The challenge in public ownership is not to disown it, but to develop it into an effective and accountable public service, as with British Rail. I developed the concept of allowing a publicly owned British Rail access to private capital, a practice common in Europe, but prevented here by the Treasury.

I was unable to convince Roy, when he was Shadow Chancellor, that we should change the Treasury rules, but I received John Smith's support, when he became Shadow Chancellor, and saw the concept included in our manifesto. The issue was not one of private versus public, but of access to capital for modernisation.

Roy states that "slogans about nationalisation were an alternative to thought". This brought to mind his claims, inside and outside the Shadow Cabinet, that he would like to take all clearing banks into public ownership, although he was unable to carry the party with him. He appears to be tilting at a windmill of his own making. Is he not guilty of the very thing he is criticising?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN PRESCOTT
(Opposition spokesperson on transport),
House of Commons.
February 23.

Previous convictions

From the Director of Nacro

Sir, Your correspondents of February 19 criticise the limitations which the Criminal Justice Act 1991 places on the role of previous convictions in sentencing.

That act restates a long-standing principle, repeatedly emphasised in judgments on appeal, that courts should not increase sentences to a level disproportionate to the current offence because of an offender's record. As the Court of Appeal ruled in *R v Queen* (1980), an offender should not be "sentenced for the offences which he has committed in the past and for which he has already been punished".

This is an important and desirable principle. It does not prevent the court from giving a more severe sentence to a repeat offender than to a first offender, as the former no longer has the mitigation of a clean record; but the sentence must still not be disproportionately severe. This was the case long before the 1991 act.

Sentences before the 1991 act were not infrequently difficult to reconcile with this principle of proportionality and the new statutory provisions were therefore necessary to reinforce it. Departure from it would mean using custody, the harshest penalty available to the courts, for less serious offenders whose criminal tendencies it would reinforce rather than reduce.

Yours faithfully,
VIVIEN STERN, Director,
National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders,
169 Clapham Road, SW9.
February 22.

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Challenges to the City's corporate view on Maastricht

From Mr David C. Cosserat

Sir, As a businessman involved in the unsubsidised export of free-market goods and services to most major countries in the world, I wonder exactly who are the "leading City business figures" with whom the Lord Mayor and his corporate co-signatories (letter, February 18) claim to have had such a mutually congratulatory meeting of minds.

Certainly they are not the businessmen and women I meet in the UK and elsewhere in Europe, the overwhelming majority of whom endorse enthusiastically the idea of European free trade but regard the erosion of national sovereignties as dangerous, irrelevant and unnecessary.

Like all apologies for cosy European corporatism, the Lord Mayor *et al* misrepresent the argument as being between Britain and the rest of Europe.

Those of us who work in the less rareified levels of international business know that the debate is really between a relatively small but vociferous band of centralists, all of whom would benefit hugely from the creation of a bureaucratic European political system, and the much larger group of "free market" business people of all nationalities who feel neither a psychological nor a practical need for subsidies, regulations and all the other Euro-corporatist paraphernalia.

Could it be that the comparative silence of the latter group is due to the fact that we are too busy contributing to the generation of hundreds of billions of pounds a year of earnings in all of the countries of Europe, compared with which the Lord Mayor's estimated City contribution of some £17 billion is but a statistically insignificant fleabite?

Perhaps the time is now ripe for the silent European business majority to flex their muscles on behalf of all Europeans before it is too late.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID C. COSSERAT
(Managing Director),
David Cosserat Associates Ltd.
(Computer consultants),
Bulland Lodge, Chipstable,
Taunton, Somerset.

From the Director, British Management Data Foundation

Sir, The Lord Mayor of London and his eminent co-signatories emphasise that London is the world's leading international centre because "the City has always adopted an open and internationalist stance". It is, however, precisely the open stance and the City's prosperity which are at risk if the UK's institutions are further integrated into Europe.

More foreign exchange transactions are carried out in London than anywhere else, while its international bond markets and bank lending are the largest in the world. Deposit-taking and lending total many hundreds of billions of dollars, dwarfing the amounts raised on other European markets.

The principal currency used for these transactions is the dollar, yet Britain has not had to become the 51st state of the USA to dominate the money market. The City's pre-eminence has been the result of its competitiveness and freedom from government interference.

In the light of the debacle of the exchange-rate mechanism, the fact that three of the Lord Mayor's nine co-signatories wrote to you on December 13, 1991, stating that "the economic and monetary union reached at Maastricht is crucial to the economic wellbeing of the nation and that it must now be firmly endorsed" does not inspire confidence in their judgment.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY COWGILL,
Director, British Management Data Foundation,
Highfield, Longridge,
Sheepscombe, Stroud,
Gloucestershire.

From Mr M. J. Matson

Sir, Surely, each of the various international financial centres competes, one with another, according to the market's innate dynamic. No amount of centrist direction or planning can go against what the market participants perceive to be their own interests, and not even the mandarins of Brussels have the power in the long run to invest this or that city with the mantle of the Community's financial centre. As the ERM fiasco has shown, markets behave as they will.

The last thing the City of London needs is to be trapped inside a fortress Europe that is taking a protectionist stand against a similarly disposed US. Rather, should not its institutions be seeking to maintain competitive advantage by using the UK's unique regulatory environment to adapt to new global requirements more rapidly than any other competitive financial centre? After all, as your correspondents point out, 526 foreign banks and 160 securities houses are already in London.

If we direct our efforts unilaterally to ensuring that none of them finds good reason to relocate, we have some hope that self-interest will secure prosperity for the UK. Just as we did not need a decision in Brussels to bring Japanese car-makers to Sunderland, we do not need one to keep Japanese security dealers in Threadneedle Street.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM J. MATSON,
9 The Postern, EC2.

From Mrs Christina Speight

Sir, The letter from the Lord Mayor of London and others on the Maastricht treaty misses the point. If the treaty is not ratified, the EEC will still be there; so will the single market. Both will continue as long as we wish.

The treaty, however, involves us in an irrevocable commitment to a single currency, a common citizenship, and co-ordination of policies pertaining to justice, foreign affairs and defence, a common franchise, and immigration. In short, the treaty alters the constitution, and the electorate has had no opportunity to pronounce a verdict on it.

Since your correspondents' letter does not address any of the matters actually in the treaty, but refers only to economic concerns which are not in dispute, it seems that, like some ministers, they have not read it.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINA SPEIGHT,
20 Ramillies Road, W4.

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'Scallywag', 'The Times' and the laws of libel

From the Editor of Scallywag

Sir, Your brief report (February 18, later editions) that "John Major's solicitors have threatened the satirical magazine *Scallywag* with legal action over an article in the latest issue concerning its earlier allegations about the prime minister's private life" raises many questions about the sheer archaism of our present libel laws.

In this case we have effectively been put out of business, by being unable to distribute our issue no. 13, merely on the threat of a possible action. This is before we had received a statement of claim and therefore before we filed a defence.

All we have said in edition 13 is that we have a defence disputing that the article was defamatory in the way alleged. This has been read to suggest that we think our original story was true and therefore this fact "repeats the libel". The suggestion was treated by our own lawyers with some incredulity.

We were never given a proper chance of conciliation. It now seems that a statement of capitulation in court and an apology — effectively not giving us a chance to plead a defence — would have kept us in business.

We think W. H. Smith have behaved appallingly on this, as we had done everything they asked of us, including having the paper read by a very able libel lawyer. We delayed publication on the express wishes of W. H. Smith, who wanted more time to organise distribution. It was on their instruction that we printed 50,000 more copies than normal, presenting us with a huge print bill.

It is grossly unfair that legal issues like this should be decided, not before judge and jury, but by distributors who have been threatened. In future we must produce an indemnity for about £100,000 and have our magazine read by their lawyers. In effect this means that I would relinquish my editorial role to the world of lawyers.

By the way, we offered to pull out the pages in which we state that we have a defence, even though we stood by it, but Smith's still turned us down.

Has anyone any idea how disillusioning and despairing it can be to be at the very point of almost certain success with a daring and adventurous new magazine, to preside over a mountain of waste paper, packed with 54 pages of other stories, which may now not be available because of a threat over two disputed paragraphs?

Yours sincerely,
SIMON REGAN,
Editor, Scallywag,
PO Box 2925, London NW3 SDO.
February 23.

From Mr Hubert Ashton

Sir, It is not only the content of an (allegedly) defamatory article *within* a magazine with which a printer or distributor thereof can be found liable to pay damages for libel (Diary, February 17) but, as a separate cause of action, also the front cover itself. It is acknowledged that the defence of *innocent dissemination* for articles within a magazine may be of some assistance but such a defence in respect of the front cover is not considered to be of any such validity.

No doubt these issues will be tested as, if and when the prime minister's and Ms Latimer's cases come to court.

It is wholly unreasonable, and is a matter of public concern, that printers and distributors should be unable to rely upon the defence of innocent dissemination in respect of both the content and cover of a magazine. Perhaps one solution might be only to hold a printer or distributor liable to pay damages for libel if they have taken a decision to continue disseminating a defamatory publication *after* receiving notice from the plaintiff of his objection to it and it is thereafter held at trial that the publication was indeed a libel.

Yours faithfully,
HUBERT ASHTON,
Peachey & Co. (solicitors),
Arundel House,
Arundel Street, WC2.
February 17.

From Mr Tom Welsh

Sir, You report Lord Keith of Kinkel, in *Derbyshire County Council v Times Newspapers Ltd. and Others*, as saying that what had been described as "the chilling effect" induced by the threat of civil actions for libel was very important; quite often the facts which would justify a defamatory publication were known to be true, but admissible evidence capable of proving those facts was not available. That might prevent the publication of matters which it was very desirable to make public (Law Report, February 19).

This is a very welcome judicial recognition at the highest level of a journalistic commonplace and is in sharp contrast to the complacent declaration of Lord Justice Neill's supreme court procedure committee in July 1990:

> In our view the media are adequately protected by the defences of justification and fair comment at the moment, and it is salutary that these defences are available to them only if they have got their facts substantially correct.

Events following the death of Robert Maxwell showed clearly the extent to which Lord Keith's assessment is correct. *The Times*, in a leading article on January 2, 1992 ("Writs galore"), called for innovations in the law and suggested qualified privilege should be available for defamatory allegations made in good faith, in the public interest, and after "reasonable" enquiries. When newspapers went wrong, they would be required to correct the record promptly.

Your lead received impressive support in your correspondence columns, but alas lost impetus as Calcutt and other such matters monopolised interest. Now seems a good time to renew your call.

Yours sincerely,
TOM WELSH,
310 Waterloo Gardens,
2 Milner Square,
Islington, N1.
February 21.

UN in Somalia

From Mr Roger Naumann

Sir, The tragic killing of aid worker Valerie Place of Irish Concern (report, February 23), and the increase in fighting around Kismayu, have highlighted once again the enormous difficulties which face both Somalis and members of the international community in their efforts to rebuild Somalia, both economically and politically.

The renewed violence is bound to severely disrupt Oxfam's assistance to farmers in the lower Shabelle and lower Juba river valleys. The communities there have been looted numerous times in the past two years by the armies of Somalia's warring faction leaders.

Oxfam has provided them with seeds, tools, fertilisers and pesticides and a good harvest is expected. But success crucially depends on how good is the security umbrella provided by international forces.

It is crucial that the Unosom 2 forces taking over from Unitaf continue and accelerate the process of disarming the gunmen. Unless disarming is carried out more vigorously danger will continue to threaten the lives of Somalis and aid workers alike, undermine the willingness of refugees and displaced people to return, and wreck fragile progress towards rehabilitation of the country.

Most importantly of all, ordinary Somalis — elders, professional people, women, religious leaders — will be too frightened to join in the hesitant political process leading up to the forthcoming Addis Ababa peace conference. Without disarmament the power of the faction leaders, whose forces have reduced Somalia to its present sorry state, will be enhanced.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER NAUMANN
(Regional Manager, Horn of Africa),
Oxfam, 274 Banbury Road, Oxford.

Sitting and thinking

From Daniel Marcus La Noue

Sir, I was in London for a few days recently and had the opportunity to make many quick trips in taxis. I liked sitting on the little seats that fold down, and wanted to know what they were called. It turns out that many drivers do not know, and those who do know use lots of different names.

I thought you might be interested in the results of my survey: the winner is cricket seat, with four votes, dickey seat (three votes), push-down seat (two), jump seat (one) and tip seat (one). "Don't know", three votes.

Sincerely,
DANIEL M. La NOUE (aged 9),
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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 24: His Excellency Señor Licenciado Bernardo Sepúlveda and Señora Sepúlveda were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Mexico to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency Dr Armen Sarkissian was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Armenia to the Court of St James's.

Mrs Sarkissian was also received by The Queen.

The Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Sir John Coles) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Major General Alexander Harley had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Commander British Forces Cyprus and Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas, Cyprus.

Mrs Justice Smith was received by The Queen upon her appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

The President of the State of Israel and Mrs Herzog visited The Queen and remained to Luncheon.

The Prince Edward was also present.

The following were invited: His Excellency Mr Yoav Biran (Ambassador of the State of Israel) and Mrs Biran, Mr Nissan Limor (Director General, Office of The President), Mr and Mrs Mark Elliott, Mr and Mrs Andrew Burns and the Lord and Lady Rothschild.

A Guard of Honour found by the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards was mounted in the Quadrangle. The Deputy General Officer Commanding London District and the Field Officer in Brigade Waiting were present.

The Queen, Patron, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this evening attended a Reception to mark the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding of the Farmers' Club, 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1, and was received by the Chairman (Mr John Nicholson).

The Countess of Airlie, Mr Robin Janvrin and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Radio Society of Great Britain, this morning visited the Special Event Station, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London WC1.

Captain Giles Inglis-Jones was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, President, later attended a Luncheon at the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly, London W1.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 24: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this evening gave a Reception for Cinema Managers at Buckingham Palace.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 24: The Prince of Wales today visited Edinburgh and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Councillor Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

His Royal Highness, President, Scottish Business in the Community, this morning visited the Craigmillar Estate.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust, The Prince's Trust and Scottish Business in the Community, later attended a Meeting with representatives of the trusts at the Signet Library.

Mr Hugh Merrill was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Patron, Rajiv Gandhi (UK) Foundation, this evening gave a Reception on behalf of the foundation at St James's Palace.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, honorary fellow, will attend a dinner given by the Institution of Water and Environmental Management at the Royal Westminster hotel at 7.15.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will visit the Lewis W. Hammerson Memorial Homes for the Elderly, Bishop's Avenue, at 3.30.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Douglas Bader Foundation, will open the Douglas Bader Centre, a rehabilitation and recreation centre for the disabled, at Queen Mary's University Hospital, Roehampton, at 10.15; and, as President of the Royal Marsden Hospital, will open the new paediatric unit at the hospital, Sutton, at 11.25.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the University of the West Indies Development and Endowment Appeal, will attend a gala recital and dinner at Lancaster House at 7.15.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Trustee of the British Museum, and the Duchess of Gloucester will attend a performance of *Crazy for You* at the Prince Edward Theatre at 7.45 to launch the American Friends of the British Museum.

The Duchess of Kent will visit King's College Choir School, King's College, Cambridge, at 11.00; as patron, will visit the Library, Downing College, at 2.05; and will visit the Sue Ryder Home, The Old Palace, Ely, at 3.00.

Princess Alexandra will open the Elmcroft Community Centre Complex of the Worcester Park and North Cheam Community Association, London Road, North Cheam, at 2.30; and will attend a reception at the Carlton Club at 6.30 to mark the 10th anniversary of the Westminster Bereavement Service.

Queen Anne's School, Caversham

Foundation Scholarship Examination Awards 1993

Major Foundation Scholarship: Janet Weston, Queen Anne's School.
Foundation Scholarship: Nina Kadan, Queen Anne's School; Brigid McClure.
All-Round Scholarship: Henrietta Rooney, Swanbourne House, Buckinghamshire.
Exhibition in Mathematics: Lucy Gardner, Highfield PNEU School, Maidenhead.
Major Music Scholarship: Sarah Wortley, Eton End PNEU School, Datchet.
Minor Music Scholarship: R Claire Emmett, Rupert House School, Henley; Rosemary McGill, Queen Anne's School.

St Bride's Church

St Bride's Church, Fleet Street

The Rector and Churchwardens of St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, invite all couples who were married or who had a service of blessing at the church to return for a service on Sunday, March 14, at 3 pm. Central to the service will be a renewal of vows and the giving of thanks for their lives together. Please write to St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, EC4Y 8AU, if you wish to attend.

Reception

Durbar Club

Mr Narindar Saroop and members of the Durbar Club held a Reception last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club, where the Right Hon Malcolm Rifkind, MP, Secretary of State for Defence, was the principal guest.



Time to talk: The Prince of Wales, on a visit to Edinburgh, listens thoughtfully to children waiting for him yesterday outside McGovan House Community Centre

Memorial services

Sir John Summerson, CH

A memorial service for Sir John Summerson, CH, was held on Monday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated and the Rev Lyndon van der Pump gave the bidding. Mr Timothy Summerson, son, read the lesson and Dr Mark Girouard gave an address. Among those present were:

Mr Robert Summerson and Mr Edward Summerson (sons), Mrs Timothy Summerson (daughter-in-law), Miss Anne Ellis, Sir Alan Bowness (Henry Moore Foundation) and Lady Bowness, Miss Sophie Bowness, Miss Rachel Summerson, Dr Henry Summerson, Mr Hugo Summerson, Mr Paul Stewart, Mrs Michael Kidd, Miss Julia Kidd, Miss Silvie Nicholson, Mrs Priscilla Barker, Mr Cyril Colbeck, Mr Ian Christie.

The Duke of Grafton, KG (chairman, Sir John Soane's Museum) with Mr Peter Thornton (curator) and Miss Dorothy Stroud (assistant curator); Lord Esher, Lord Palumbo, Baroness Birk, the Hon John Jolliffe, the Hon Mrs Morgan, Sir Anthony and Lady Meyer, Sir James Colyer-Fergusson, Sir Peter Shepheard, Sir Denys and Lady Lasdun, Sir Hugh Casson, CH, and Lady Casson.

Dr C J Kitching (Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts), Mr T G Hassall (secretary, Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England); Mr Anthony Baggs (Royal Architectural Institute), Mr Roger Zogolovitch (president, Architectural Association) with Mr Edouard le Maistre (secretary) and Mr Alan Balfour (chairman, Architectural Association School of Architecture); Mrs Ruth Kamen (librarian, RIBA) with Mr Peter Davey (honorary librarian); Mrs Gill Lever (RIBA Drawings Collection), Professor J Mordaunt Crook (Centre for Victorian Studies, Royal Holloway, London University), Professor Martin Biddle (Hertford College, Oxford), Professor Anthony Atkinson (London School of Economics).

Miss Hermione Hobhouse (Survey of London), Mr Victor Belcher and Mr Edward Chaney (English Heritage), Mr Carew Wallace (National Trust), Dr Maurice Howard (Society of Architectural Historians), Mr Bernard Nurse (Society of Antiquaries of London), Mr Brian Allen (Paul Mellon Centre, London), Mr Christopher Dean (Docomomo), Mr James Kingswell (representing the editor, *Church Building*), Miss Susan Palmer (Camden History Society), Mr William Harris, QC, with Mr Charles Hind (Georgian Group), Ms Ruth Rattenbury (Tate Gallery).

Miss Erica O'Donnell (Study Centre for the History of Fine and Decorative Art), Mr Michael Gillingham (Advisory Board for Redundant Churches), Mrs Anne Saunders and Mr Roger Cline (London Topographical Society), Mr Robert Shaw (Betjeman Society), Mr Roy Stephens (Mark Fitch Fund), Mr Michael Whitaker (Westminster Council), Mr Julian Tobin (Pannone and Partners), Mr Edward Jamilly (Alister MacDonald and Partners), Mr Donald Findlay and Mr Thomas Cocke (Council for the Care of Churches) and Mr Arnold Taylor (Cocked Hats Club)

Mr Anthony Huxley

A celebration of the life of Anthony Huxley will be held at St Anne's Church, Kew Green, Kew, London, at 2.30pm on Thursday, March 11, 1993. All are welcome to attend.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.L. Borra and Dr P.J. Mortimer

The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mrs F.V. Johnsen, of Mill Hill, London, and Mr L.N. Borra, of Orford, Suffolk, and Philippa, daughter of the late Mr James Mortimer and of Mrs B. Mortimer, of Shortlands, Kent.

Captain A.P.M. Gray, RE, and Miss N.S.G. Morley

The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr P.J.M. Gray, of Summerbridge, Harrogate, and Mrs P.A. Gray, of Beckwithshaw, Harrogate, and Nicky, daughter of Mr T.R. Morley, FRCS, and Mrs Morley, of Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey.

Captain G.E.J. Leaf and Miss N.C. Browning

The engagement is announced between Guy Edmond James Leaf, The Light Dragoons, only son of Mr and Mrs Antony Leaf, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, and Noelle Christine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Browning, of San Francisco, California.

Mr G.J. Pither and Miss K.M. Miller

The engagement is announced between Gary John, younger son of Mr John Pither, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, and the Hon Mrs Pauline Pither, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, and Karin-Merete, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander Miller, of Weybridge, Surrey.

Mr D.J.R. Campbell and Miss J.F. Cairns

The engagement is announced between Duncan, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Campbell, of Sandwich, Kent, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr Michael Cairns, of Ayr, Scotland, and Mrs Gillian Moreton, of Southport, Merseyside.

Mr G. Ellenbogen and Mrs M.R. Franklin

Gershon Ellenbogen, widower of Eileen, née Alexander, and Myrtle Franklin, née Sebag-Montefiore, widow of David, will marry quietly on April 1. The reception date will be communicated.

Mr G.J.J. Pawle and Miss J.A. Bailey

The engagement is announced between George Julian John, son of John Pawle and the late Mrs Sonia Pawle, of Widford, Hertfordshire, and Julia Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Bailey, of Saffron Walden, Essex.

Mr M. Pettman and Miss A. Haselden

The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Pettman, of Hartfield, Sussex, and Anna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Haselden, of Craigantlet, Co Down.

Mr D.F.C. Quigley and Miss C.F. Janzen

The engagement is announced between Desmond, son of the late Dr and Mrs Thomas Quigley, and Caroline, daughter of Mrs Ilfra Janzen, of Glapthorn, Northamptonshire, and the late Mr Arthur Janzen.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Carlo Goldoni, dramatist, Venice, 1707; Pierre Renoir, Impressionist painter, Limoges, France, 1841; Enrico Caruso, tenor, Naples, 1873; John Foster Dulles, American statesman, Washington DC, 1888; Dame Myra Hess, pianist, London, 1890.

DEATHS: Robert Devereux, 2nd Earl of Essex, soldier and courtier, executed in London, 1601; Albrecht von Wallenstein, soldier and statesman, assassinated in Eger, Germany, 1634; Sir Christopher Wren, architect, London, 1723; William Buchan, physician, London, 1805; Thomas Moore, poet and musician, Bromham, Wiltshire, 1852; George Don, naturalist, London, 1855; Paul Julius von Reuter, founder of the news agency, Nice, 1899; Sir John Tenniel, illustrator and cartoonist, London, 1914; George Minot, physician, Nobel laureate 1934, Brookline, Massachusetts, 1915; Alexander Archipenko, sculptor, New York, 1964; Mark Rothko, painter, New York, 1970; Tennessee Williams, playwright, New York, 1983.

Queen Elizabeth I was excommunicated by Pope Pius V, 1570.

Andrew Johnson, 17th American President 1865-69, was impeached (acquitted in May), 1868.

Luncheons

Parliamentary and Scientific Committee

The Earl of Bessborough, President of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee, presided at the annual luncheon held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Sir Michael Atiyah, OM, President of the Royal Society, was the guest of honour.

The Hon William Waldegrave, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Hon Mark Lennox-Boyd, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP, chairman of the committee, attended.

Carlton Club

Mr Giles Chichester, Chairman of the Political Committee of the Carlton Club, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the club. The guest of honour and speaker was Mr John Patten, Secretary of State for Education and Science, and Sir William van Straubenzee also spoke.

Dinner

Manchester and Salford Universities Air Squadron

Air Marshal Sir John Willis, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief RAF Support Command, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of Manchester and Salford Universities Air Squadron held yesterday evening at Altcar Training Camp. Squadron Leader R.J. Pickering, Officer Commanding, presided and the other guests included the AOC and Commandant RAF College Cranwell and faculty members of the universities.

Birthdays today

Miss Elkie Brooks, singer, 48; Mr Anthony Burgess, novelist and critic, 76; Mr Tom Courtenay, actor, 56; Lord Crickhowell, 59; Sir Antony Duff, diplomat, 73; Sir Alex Gordon, architect, 76; Mr George Harrison, former Beatle, 50; Dr Harvey McGregor, QC, warden, New College, Oxford, 67; Mr Hector MacKenzie, trades unionist, 53; Mr Robert Neame, brewer, 59; Major-General Sir Laurence New, 61; Sir Roger Parker, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 70; Mr David Puttnam, film producer, 52.

Lieutenant-Colonel J.R. Stephenson, secretary, MCC, 62; Professor S.R. Sutherland, vice-chancellor, London University, 52; Mr A.C.F. Verity, master, Dulwich College, 54; Sir Ian Wallace, company chairman, 77; Mr Michael Wheeler-Booth, Clerk of the Parliaments, 59; Marshal of the RAF Sir Keith Williamson, 65.

University of Portsmouth

At a ceremony yesterday in St Thomas' Cathedral, Old Portsmouth, the University of Portsmouth conferred honorary degrees upon Lord Palumbo, of Walbrook, Chancellor of the University and Chairman of the Arts Council (Doctor of Letters); Professor William Davey, formerly President of Portsmouth Polytechnic (Doctor of the University); Professor John Elliott, Regius Professor of Modern History at the University of Oxford (Doctor of Letters); Sir Gordon Higginson, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Southampton (Doctor of Engineering); and Professor Sir Mark Richmond, Chairman of the Science and Engineering Research Council (Doctor of Science).

In the evening, Mr Neil Merritt, the Vice-Chancellor, together with Mr Stuart Waring, Chairman of Governors, were the hosts at a dinner at the University's Nuffield Centre for the honorary graduates and their guests.

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Italian architect wins gold medal

The Italian architect Professor Giancarlo De Carlo has been awarded the 1993 Royal Gold Medal, the world's most prestigious award for architecture (Marcus Binney writes).

De Carlo led the attack on the International Modern Style in the 1940s, condemning authoritarian planning and proposing the then radical concept of public participation. De Carlo is most admired for his work in Urbino where with infinite care he has stitched facilities for 10,000 students into a historic town that in the 1950s had a population of only 8,000.

The Gold Medal citation states: "He has peopled the hillside with a system of alleys, paths, steps, balconies, terraces, loggias in a building language that re-enacts the sense of place of the old town in a grammar that is entirely new."

De Carlo is the fifth Italian architect to receive the Gold Medal since it was instituted in 1848. Previous Italian winners have included the engineer Pier Luigi Nervi and Renzo Piano, co-author of the Pompidou Centre in Paris.

Service dinner

Yeoman Warders

The annual dinner of the Body of Yeoman Warders was held last night at HM Tower of London. The principal guests included: Lieutenant-General Sir Steuart Pringle, Field Marshal Sir John Stanier, Marshal of the RAF Sir Peter Harding, General Sir Charles Guthrie and Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Richardson.

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BIRTHS

CONNOR - Deborah (née Milne) and Peter give thanks to God for a son, Alexander Marcus, born February 14th.

FOLKES - On February 21st, to Fiona (née Mackellar) and Richard, a daughter, Isobel Margaret Jane.

HANCOX - On February 22nd, at The Royal Berkshire Hospital, to Nicola (née Dexter) and Brandon, a son, James Anthony.

KELLY TAYLOR - To Michael and Ann a daughter, Constance Frances, on February 12th at Guildford.

PELLY - On 21st February, to Rachel and Simon, a daughter, Camilla.

REEVES - On February 16th, in Barnstaple, to Helen and Tom, a daughter, Lucinda Clare.

RENNEY - On February 11th 1993, to Penelope (née Brandler) and Paul, a second daughter, Olivia Grace Madeleine.

ROMERO CORBEN - On 19th February, to Sara and Pablo, a daughter, Amber Sofia. Many thanks to Queen Mary's, Roehampton.

WEISS - On February 3rd, to Diana (née Jenks) and Oliver, a daughter, Jessica Clare, a sister to Thomas and Patrick.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

CAVE-SIGLEY:SAVILL - On 25th February 1943 at St Mary Magdalene, South Holmwood, Peter Jordayne to Jacqueline Mary and now at The Green, Withington, Herefordshire.

DEATHS

BARTLE - Rev. George Clement, 6th February 1993. The funeral has taken place.

CRAWFORD - On February 24th 1993, peacefully at home, Malcolm, aged 83 years. Beloved husband of Daphne and father to Catriona, Mhairi, Stella and Malcolm. Funeral Service at 12.40 pm on Tuesday March 2nd at Worthing Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations in his memory for Worthing Alzheimers Society may be sent to H.D. Tribe Ltd., 259 Goring Road, Goring. Worthing tel: (0903) 249913.

DAVIES - On February 23rd 1993, Colonel K.P. Davies R.A. retired, of Sydling St Nicholas, Dorset, aged 77 years. Dear husband of Enid. Cremation private. Donations if desired for the Macmillan Service c/o Grassby Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester, Dorset, tel: (0305) 262338.

DRIVER - On Wednesday 24th February, peacefully at home surrounded by her family, after an illness bravely borne, Mary (née Skinner) aged 60. Beloved wife of John and sadly missed by David, Teresa, Philip, Thomas, Mark, Catherine and Dominic. Requiem Mass at the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham, followed by interment at the church on Tuesday 2nd March at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations to MacMillan Nurses Foundation, c/o L. Hawkins & Sons, 2 Highlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey.

FODEN - James Edwin, on February 24th, peacefully at Corbrook Court Audlem, aged 92. Beloved husband of the late Christine and father of David and Edwin. Funeral Service on Monday 1st March 11.30 am at Crewe Crematorium. No flowers please but donations to Cancer Research Fund much appreciated.

GUGEN - On 22nd February 1993 peacefully at Trinity Hospice, Philippa (née Hay), dearly loved wife of Roger, mother of Zara and daughter of Ken and Jane. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Monday March 1st at 1.15 pm. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

HAY - See Gugen.

HENDY - On 21st February 1993 in Oxford, Cicely Gwladys Hendy, widow of Sir Philip Hendy.

LAWTON - On February 22nd, suddenly while in full enjoyment of life, Alfred Taylor, aged 89. Beloved husband of the late Margaret and greatly loved father of John and Richard and grandfather of Emma, Nick, Susannah and Jake. Funeral Service at St Michael's and All Angels, Lavender Grove, Hackney, E8, on Friday 5th March at 12 noon followed by cremation. Flowers to E.M. Kendall, Funeral Directors, 48 Dalton Lane, E8 3AH (071-254 6619).

MINTY - On February 21st 1993 suddenly at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, Edward, aged 76, dearly beloved husband of Vera, much loved father of Philip and daughter-in-law Margaret-Ann, grandfather of Philippa and Christina. Funeral Service at Oxford Crematorium 11 am Monday 1st March 1993 for family and close friends. Arrangements for Memorial Service to be announced later. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation.

MITCHELL - Gerry, on 18th February, peacefully, much loved father and grandfather. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Ash, on 1st March at 11 am.

MORRISON - Peggy Florence Elizabeth (née Johns) of Hadleigh, Essex. Tragically after a valiant struggle against cancer on 22nd February 1993. Service to be held at Southend Crematorium March 1st 11.15 am. Donations to Health Care Trust (Ward H) Southend General Hospital, Prittlewell Chase, Westcliff on Sea, Essex. Tributes to S Stibbard & Sons Ltd., New Road Corner, Hadleigh, Essex.

MOYNIHAN - Suddenly in Norwich on February 21st, Peter John, elder son of Dr. John & Dr. Sheila Moynihan and father of Jackie and Ross. Sadly missed by all his family and friends.

PAMPIGLIONE - Correction by omission. Funeral Service Tuesday March 2nd 12 noon at St Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, N2.

PAVITT - On February 18th, 1993 at Princess Alexandra Hospital, RAF Wroughton after a bravely fought illness, John Antony ("Tony") Leighton, OBE of Lambourn, Berkshire (and formerly, Singapore). Loving husband of the late Sheila, father of Richard, father-in-law of Susan & grandfather of Neal and Mark. Memorial service at St Michael & All Angels church, Lambourn, 2.30 pm Thursday 11th March. All welcome. Donations, if desired, to British Lung Foundation, 8 Peterborough Mews, London SW6 3BL.

PEARSON - On 13th February 1993, suddenly at her home in Marsworth, Margaret, in her 97th year. All enquiries please to Sovereign Funeral Services, Wendover, tel: (0296) 696224.

PENNOCK - On 23rd February 1993, peacefully at Bridge Place, Raymond, Baron Pennock of Norton in Cleveland. Much loved husband of Lorna and father of David, Susan and Claire. Family Service at Salehurst, a Memorial Service will be held later. No flowers but donations to The Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15-19 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ.

PERNEL - On 23rd February, peacefully at home, Orrea, aged 86. Musician and beloved aunt. Funeral Service at Barnstaple Crematorium on Monday 1st March at 10.30 am. Flowers or donations to Musicians Benevolent Fund or 'Four Strings Each' c/o Fulfords, Springfield, Hartland, North Devon, tel: (0237) 441256.

POTT - On 23rd February, at home, aged 86, Dr. Mildred Isobel MB, ChB, MRCS, LRCP, DCH, DPM, MRCPsych. Beloved friend, sister, aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt. Funeral 2pm Wednesday 3rd March, St Michael & All Angels, Bedford Park, London W4. Cut flowers only or donations to MIND, 22 Harley Street, London W1 N2ED. Enquiries W.S. Bond Ltd., 127 Chiswick High Road, London W4 2ED, tel: (081) 994-0277.

ROONEY - Priscilla Ansell, on February 21st in her 64th year, in Durban North, South Africa, with great courage. A loved mother of the late Nicholas and of Dominic and a loving grandmother to Nicholas, Christopher and Thomas.

SMITH - On February 22nd 1993, suddenly at home in St Albans, Margaret Ann Macara, much loved daughter of Katharine and of the late Max, sister of John, sister-in-law of Fiona, aunt of Richard. Teacher at Haberdashers' School for Girls. Funeral Service at West Hertfordshire Crematorium (Garston), on Tuesday March 2nd at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired may be sent direct to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. For further information contact Phillips Funeral Services: (0727) 851006.

SORBY - Stella née Littlehailes, daughter of R. Littlehailes C.I.E., suddenly and unexpectedly at home on February 22nd. Beloved wife of Jack Sorby and devoted mother of Nicholas. No flowers by request but donations if desired to The Guide Dogs for the Blind, Folly Court, Baskham Road, Wokingham, Berks. Funeral Service 2 pm on Thursday March 4th in All Saints Church, Crondall, followed by private cremation.

THESIGER - Virginia (née Graham), on 17th February peacefully. Funeral has already taken place according to her wishes.

WELCH - On Tuesday 23rd February 1993, Anthony Edward Welch C.B., C.M.G., peacefully at Marlborough House, Southwold. Cremation followed by Memorial Service at St Andrew's Church at Walberswick on Wednesday March 3rd at 2.30 pm. No flowers. Donations if desired for the maintenance of the fabric of St Andrew's Church to Fishers (Southwold) Ltd., Field Stile Road, Southwold.

WHITAKER - On February 22nd 1993, Robert Edmund, aged 91, beloved husband of Priscilla, father of Rodney and Martin. Funeral at Lydbury North, Shropshire, on Monday March 1st at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if wished to the church and the Bone Densitometer Fund at Oswestry.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

RHODES - Rosaleen. Memorial service, after private cremation, to take place at St John's Church, Hyde Park Crescent, W2, on Thursday 4th March at 12 noon. No flowers but do please make donations to Rosie's favourite charity, Brook Hospital for Animals (Cairo): send to 1 Regent Street, London SW1Y 4PA.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MAY - The Memorial Service for Myrtle will be held at St Luke's Church, Sidney Street, Chelsea, on Wednesday 10th March at 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

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GLANFIELD - Shirley (Heather) 28th February 1992, dearly loved and sadly missed.

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OBITUARIES

BOBBY MOORE



Bobby Moore, OBE, England captain in the 1966 soccer World Cup victory, died of cancer yesterday aged 51. He was born on April 12, 1941.

FOOTBALLER of the year in 1964 when he led his club West Ham to FA Cup success, Bobby Moore was one of the greatest defenders, and finest captains, England has ever had, winning 108 caps for his country between 1962 and 1973, when he surpassed his predecessor Billy Wright's record of 105.

Tall, blond, cool and clean cut, Moore was the epitome of the England captain, a post he filled with distinction. But his team-mates and opponents were under no illusions that behind the perfect image was a fiercely ambitious competitor, with a touch of ruthlessness. "He had a great 'golden boy' image, Mooro, but he was hard," testified his club and international partner, Geoff Hurst: and opponents who tried to take liberties with Moore discovered the truth of that assessment to their cost.

Watching him at his peak, totally unflappable at the height of the battle, winning the ball with steely certainty and then dispatching it tellingly, a picture of unruffled assurance, it was hard to imagine that his path to the top had been anything but smooth. But after attracting little attention as a schoolboy, he made himself into a player by sheer hard work.

At 17 he captained England Youth, with whom he won 18 caps and later the England Under-23 team, winning eight caps. His 108 appearances for England was a world record until 1978 and an English record until 1989. For 90 of them he was captain — equalling Billy Wright's record.

Bobby Moore had been a professional a matter of months when he made his debut for West Ham as a 17-year-old against Manchester United at Upton Park in 1958, but no one there doubted that they were watching the arrival of a major talent.

By the time Ron Greenwood arrived to replace Ted Fenton as West Ham's manager two years later, Moore had established himself permanently. He had already come under the influence of Greenwood, one of football's most progressive coaches and tacticians, in the England Youth and Under 23 teams, and Greenwood confessed that the appeal of having Moore to build a team around was an important factor in persuading him to leave Arsenal, where he had been assistant manager.

Initially the relationship was a rewarding one. Greenwood's open admiration for Moore, whom he later described as "for a time the best player in the world," persuaded Walter Winterbottom to take the young Londoner, still only 21, to Chile for the 1962 World Cup.

Moore had found his natural habitat. An untried candidate when they left London, he returned home as an established international after making his debut against Peru and playing in all four World Cup matches. In 1963-64 he was declared footballer of the year.

The game was changing rapidly, the old defensive wing-half, which he began as, soon becoming a second centre-half, a role for which Moore's talents were ideally suited.

However, he had to wait until Alf Ramsey replaced Walter Winterbottom as England manager halfway through the following season for England to adapt their formation. It did not take long. Ramsey started with a 5-2 defeat by France, and quickly decided that changes were necessary. Moore captained the side for the first time in a 4-2 victory over Czechoslovakia as Ramsey began preparing for the 1966 World Cup.

By the time it arrived, Moore had settled in as captain, and alongside Jack Charlton as second centre-half. It was undoubtedly his finest hour.

"Moore should play all his games at Wembley," Greenwood once said of his captain as their relationship soured. Moore always resisted the implication that he needed the big occasion to stir him, but England did play all their games at Wembley on their way to winning the World Cup for the only time, and Moore's outstanding contribution as player and team leader was recognised in his selection as the player of the tournament.

It was some compensation for Moore's growing discontent with his club football. With two other West Ham players, Hurst and Martin Peters, also making major contributions to the victory, the East London side were expected to be a force in the game, but after their FA Cup and European Cup Winners Cup wins in 1964 and 1965, they continually failed, earning something of a reputation for being soft touches.

The failures were a bitter disappointment for Moore, whose dream of a championship medal was never realised. West Ham refused to release him when Derby, under Brian Clough, and Tottenham — both clubs where he might have fulfilled his ambition — wanted him.

His international stature was unquestioned, however, as England enjoyed a spell of prosperity, coming third in the 1968 European Championships, and going to Mexico for the 1970 World Cup as one of the favourites. But before they reached Mexico Moore was faced with a personal crisis. He was accused of stealing a gold bracelet from a shop in Bogota, and was detained in Colombia for investigations while the team went ahead of him.

Fortunately he was cleared and released in time to take his place in the team as England began their defence of the World Cup. It was ultimately unsuccessful, England losing to West Germany in the quarter-final, but before that Moore, revelling in a personal duel with Pele, had played what he believed was the best game of his life against the eventual winners, Brazil.

Mexico was to prove a watershed for England under Ramsey. A decline set in, and after losing to West Germany in the 1972 European Championships, England failed to reach the 1974 World Cup finals. Moore, who was criticised for the defeat in Poland which led to the failure, lost his place for the return in October 1973. He made his final appearance for England against Italy a month later.

Soon after that he left West Ham to enjoy an Indian summer at Fulham, captaining the club to the 1975 FA Cup Final, ironically against West Ham, before retiring. He had played 1,000 matches at senior level. Although financially secure, with clubs and pubs in the East End, he was expected to go into management, but the opportunities, surprisingly, were few and far between. His only attempts were with the non-league side, Oxford City from 1979 to 1981 and with Southend United from 1983 to 1986, after which he spent three years as sports editor of *Sunday Sport* and had brief spells as a coach in Hong Kong and North Carolina. Since 1990 he had been a sports commentator for the Capital Gold radio station.

Bobby Moore who was appointed OBE in 1967, was married twice, first in 1962 to Tina with whom he had a son, Dean, and daughter, Roberta; and, following a divorce in 1986, to Susan (Stephanie) in 1991. His wife and children survive him.

LORD PENNOCK



Lord Pennock, a vigorous and ebullient figure in British industrial life for nearly 50 years, died on February 23, aged 72. He was born on March 16, 1920.

A GRAMMAR schoolboy from Yorkshire, who won an Oxford scholarship, Raymond Pennock was a meritocrat — and proud of it. He was also notably resilient and made no bones about his failures, admittedly at levels that most people would consider in themselves success enough. Tipped for a first in history at Oxford, he expunged his second with a diploma in education; favourite to become chairman of ICI 40 years later but pipped at the post, he moved on to a highly successful term as chairman of the engineering and power equipment group, BICC.

Perhaps, though, his greatest disappointment was the year he spent as British joint-chairman of the Channel Tunnel Group. Taking on the job at the age of 66, he was never expected to see the project through — but the way in which he was bundled out, when difficulties arose over the initial equity placing, plainly rankled. Typically, however, he bounced back with a fighting speech in the House of Lords in which he expressed his full confidence in the ultimate success of the scheme. He perhaps only gave his true feelings away with a fierce attack on the press which, he suggested, had started printing photographs of him deliberately designed to make him look as if he was ill.

Initially, Pennock had seemed the ideal choice for the task of inspiring confidence in Eurotunnel. He had served successful terms as president both of the Confederation of British Industry and of the Chemical Industries Association; he was also the first Englishman to head the Union of European Industries. Always an activist, he refused to regard these posts as in any sense honorific, something that made his own explanation for leaving the chair of Eurotunnel — that it was taking up more of his time than he could spare as a director of Morgan Grenfell — rather less than convincing.

Raymond William Pennock was born in Redcar and wryly remembered himself as "a large, clumsy boy, a bit of a swot and bashful". At Merton College, Oxford, he picked up his lifelong taste for tennis and ballet as well as a love of history. From 1940 he spent six years in the Royal Artillery, with a mention in dispatches and the rank of captain.

He joined ICI in 1947 and spent 14 years in personnel management at a time when the company was uniquely influential in this field. (He recalled, years later, serving on a recruitment panel which rejected an applicant called Margaret Roberts on the ground that she was "too pushy", a characteristic that may eventually have served her better in getting to No 10.) In 1961 he became a director of ICI's Billingham complex and in 1968 chairman of the agricultural division. He joined the ICI main board in 1972 and was senior deputy chairman in 1980 when the chairmanship went to his old friend, and fellow Yorkshireman, Sir Maurice Hodgson.

Pennock was already a director of BICC, as well as being president-elect of the CBI, a director of Plessey and a member of the National Economic Development Council. He moved to BICC full-time, and within three years had rescued it from an incipient loss to a profit of £82million.

Knighted in 1978 for services to exports, Pennock became a life peer in 1982 at the end of his CBI term. It was a remarkable tribute, as during his period in office the CBI had been consistently critical of Treasury policies, with its director-general, Sir Terence Beckett, at one stage calling for "a bare-knuckle fight" with the government. As a loyal Conservative Pennock, however was instrumental in holding the organisation together at a time when there was some danger of large companies leading a mass walk-out. Never a man shy of controversy himself, Pennock's rough-hewn face and residual Yorkshire accent saw to it that he maintained a robust public image throughout his life. But in private he was kindly, sensitive and never anything but intensely loyal to his friends.

He married Lorna Pearse in 1944, while on leave from the Army, and they had a son and two daughters.

JUDGE DAVID BAZELON



David Bazelon, former Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals, died in Washington on February 19 aged 83. He was born in Superior, Wisconsin, on September 3, 1909.

IN OCTOBER 1973, Judge David Bazelon ruled that President Nixon should hand over certain tapes to the Watergate grand jury, and that his claim of executive privilege was invalid. Three years later, he supported the dissemination and sale of the recordings. Any embarrassment to Mr Nixon, he wrote, "is largely that which results whenever misconduct or questionable conduct is exposed."

Bazelon believed that the judiciary should reach beyond the bench and speak out on social issues, and he carried that belief into a series of landmark opinions that extended the rights of the individual and expanded those of criminal defendants.

His conflicts with the Supreme Court, and particularly with the former Chief Justice Warren Burger, were legendary. In one opinion of 1978, written by Justice William Rehnquist for the Burger court, he was accused of "judicial intervention run riot," for blocking the operation of a nuclear power station.

Born into poverty, the youngest of nine children whose father died when he was two years old, Bazelon worked his way through college as a shop assistant and movie usher, gained his law degree in 1931, and left his private law practice in 1946 to become an assistant attorney general under the Truman administration. In 1949 he became the youngest-ever judge to sit on the Washington appeals court, becoming Chief Judge in 1962.

Under Bazelon's leadership, the Washington appeals court became second only to the Supreme Court in power and influence. Constantly questioning the status quo, he handed down decisions that established a new definition of insanity as a defence in criminal cases, ordered the banning of DDT, permitted the publication of information about spying by the CIA, and extended the Bill of Rights to restrict state power.

Bazelon watched the growth of a litigious society in America with equanimity. "For nearly 200 years of this nation's history," he said in 1983, "few blacks, Hispanics or Asian Americans, to name only a few of the victims of oppression, would have thought of taking their claims to court. If the so-called litigation crisis is due in any significant part to the increase in social expectations of the disadvantaged and to society's growing insensitivity to these issues, then in my opinion the increase in litigation is a healthy one."

Much of Bazelon's activity, both on and off the bench, was devoted to removing the causes of criminal behaviour, making prisons less brutal and sentencing more fair. He stepped down as Chief Judge in 1978, but continued to hear occasional cases until 1985 when he realised his memory was failing. He is survived by his wife, Miriam, and two sons.

GERAINT DYFNALLT OWEN

Geraint Dyfnallt Owen, BBC broadcaster and historian, died on February 17 aged 85. He was born on January 3, 1908.

GERAINT Dyfnallt Owen was introduced to the Balkans during the war when, as an Intelligence Corps officer, he was posted to the British military mission in Romania. He was given a brief intensive course on the language (after giving up Japanese as being too difficult) and was then trained to drop by parachute into the country, which was at that time on the side of Hitler's Germany.

But in early 1944 the Romanians changed sides. This not only enabled Owen to make a less adventurous arrival but charted the future course of his life. That year he met a young former secretary, Herta Druckman, from the Bukovina region in the north-east and married her in 1946 in Bari, Italy, after he had been posted there from Bucharest.

His Balkan experience also determined his career. On demobilisation he joined the Romanian section of the BBC External Services, switching to the Yugoslav section 12 years later. He was made its head in 1962, only to take early retirement four years later to concentrate on historical research.

Writing had always taken up most of Owen's spare time. He had been born in Pontypridd, the son of the Rev John Owen, a Welsh minister who was not only a notable poet but the Archdruid of Wales. Geraint's middle name Dyfnallt was his father's bardic name and a Welsh poem written by John Owen was recited at Geraint's funeral.

The family moved to Carmarthen where he went to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School and from there to the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. He took a double first in history and Welsh, was capped by the college in rugby and finally won a scholarship to Oxford. There he missed his first after going down with 'flu during his finals and as a result had to return to Aberystwyth to take his PhD.

He first joined the BBC in



1936, as talks producer for the newly-created Welsh region, becoming Welsh news editor before his call-up. The depth of his scholarship, however, was always more than required for daily journalism. He soon began producing literary material, which continued to flow almost until he died.

In Welsh, he wrote three full-length novels including *Cefn Ydfa* and *Nest*, as well as a war diary, a book of short stories, learned papers and translations from Breton and Romanian. In English he produced two histories, on Wales under Elizabeth I and James I.

Much of his work, however was concentrated on the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts. He worked for it part-time from 1957, went there full-time on leaving the BBC and continued until 1985, editing 10 volumes, four of them in conjunction with others. He was the last of the commission's external editors. He was awarded an honorary doctorate of literature by the University of Wales 12 years ago but politely turned down an invitation to be a druid.

He lived to view with dismay the agonies convulsing Romania and Yugoslavia, two countries which had helped shape his career. But the first nation in his life, his native Wales, provided him with great pleasure at the end, with its rugby victory over England at Cardiff Arms Park on February 6.

Geraint Dyfnallt Owen is survived by his wife, their two sons and two daughters.

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(FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.)
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... One of the very first questions of peace in the Orange River Colony will be concerned with the repatriation of the Boer prisoners. Altogether, they are estimated at some 45,000, besides the women and children in the refugee camps ...

The bulk of the women and children are in refugee camps scattered all over the country. So much has been written about these camps that it is unnecessary for me to add to the super-abundant literature on the subject. The consensus of instructed opinion with regard to them is a triumphant vindication of the humanity, ability and common sense with which the extremely difficult operation of housing, feeding and clothing 150,000 women and children in the open country in time of war has been carried out.

All the camps are organized on similar principles. A large number of tents are erected on the laid-out lines of a little town. There are main streets and side streets and squares, there are schools and hospitals, shops, churches, work-rooms, soup kitchens. In all camps food rations, fuel, soap, necessary clothing, working materials, boots, &c., are provided at public expense: the schools are free and the churches are, of course, of the religion of the occupants of the camp. Some of the camps, owing to peculiarities of situation, climate, water supply and still more specially to the character and degree of civilization of the majority of the occupants, are more successful than others. It is only necessary to imagine the civil population of London turned out into camps, the inhabitants of Belgravia in one and the inhabitants of Whitechapel in another, and it will be clear to any understanding that, though the two camps should have started in absolutely equal material conditions, there would, before many months had passed, be a marked difference between them. So it is in the Orange River and Transvaal. Some camps are infinitely cleaner, more wholesome, and nicer than others but, from the general system, one clear and strong impression remains. It is that the humane effort made for the first time in the history of war to shield the women and children of an enemy from unnecessary suffering will not be without its great and good result.

The immediate effect of such an effort in relieving the enemy of his *impedimenta* and leaving him free to fight us without those intimate cares which must, of necessity, play a large part in determining the cessation of hostilities has been evident enough. It has disposed many even of those who were proud of the action from a national point of view and glad that it should be done to say, "It is magnificent, but it is not war." ...

No one can pass through the camps and see the happy faces of the thousands of children who cluster round the schools and soup kitchens without realising the state of harmony which exists between them and the English authorities who are governing them ...

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NEWS

Smith rolls back union power

■ John Smith delighted Labour party modernisers by backing far-reaching reduction in trade union power in the party. He has proposed an end to the role of unions in selecting parliamentary candidates as well as electing party leaders.

But the Labour leader appears to have put himself on course for a clash with some of his union alliesPages 1, 2, 21

Major happier on trade issues

■ John Major ended his first day of talks in Washington happier and reassured by President Clinton's commitment to free trade, although no concessions have been offered on any of the disputes outstanding between America and Europe. The talks with Mr Clinton and his cabinet were dominated by trade issues and Russian problems..... Pages 1, 12, 20

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The Duke of Westminster, Britains richest landowner, has resigned from the Conservative party protesting what he called the government's divisive property reforms..... Page 1

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Benjamin Ekow Laing, 25, has denied at the Old Bailey shooting dead Matthew Manwaring at point-blank range and torturing and strangling his daughter, Alison, to steal a car..... Page 3

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American troops were pelted with stones as Somalis loyal to the warlord Muhammad Farrah Aidid built bonfires and stormed the US embassy in Mogadishu protesting at help allegedly given to a rival..... Page 15

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■ Baldness has joined the growing list of causes of heart attacks, according to new American research. Men between 21 and 55 who are almost bare on top are three times more vulnerable than the hirsute, probably because of hormones which are thought to help suppress high-density cholesterol, which in turn is believed to protect the heart..... Page 8



Sir Roy Strong holds a print of a self portrait by Thomas Fry at the London Original Print Fair at the Royal Academy. This photograph is by Michael Powell who won the Nikon Arts and Entertainment Photographer of the Year Award, 1992

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A sound tradition

A government which rejects today's calls from press and public for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty should look back to the lessons of the past. If the prime minister stubbornly continues the Maastricht bill's devious route through parliamentary hurdles, it will be at the cost of lowering the very reputation of government he is enjoined to maintain..... Page 21

Ethereal boundaries

An *eruv* is a symbolic area in which many of the prohibitions of the Jewish sabbath are suspended. In contrast, the attempt by the Jewish community in Barnet, north London, to create such an enclave on British soil has triggered a fierce local row over the proper limits of tolerance and the risks of separatism. But, introduced with sensitivity and respect for others' feelings, it could be a positive addition to the nation's religious geography and help define the proper boundaries of pluralism..... Page 21

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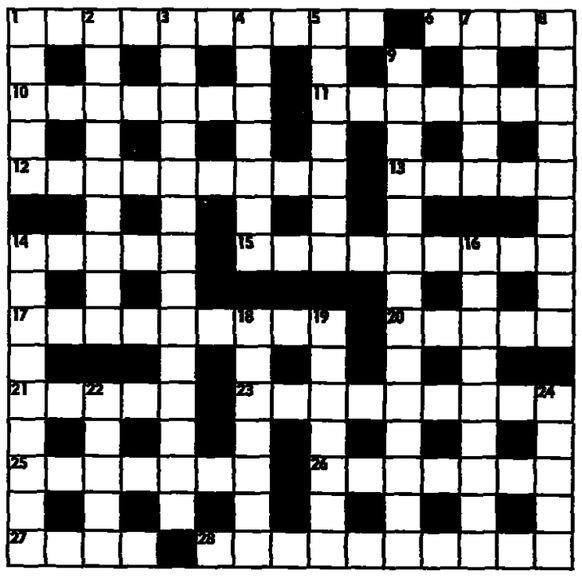
"We were never given a proper chance of conciliation," writes the editor of *Scallywag*, the satirical magazine threatened by the prime minister with further legal action over its distribution..... Page 21

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A BJP victory in the streets or at the polls would be bad news for India and for the world. The best way to contain the BJP is by enforcing India's laws against violence firmly and evenhandedly, and by using the government's full power to protect minority rights — in other words by returning to secular and democratic principles

The New York Times

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6 Farewell to the Evesham area (4).
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7 Help to restrain councillor of caustic disposition (5).
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WEATHER

Rain, heavy at times, over Scotland and Northern Ireland will clear this morning, to be followed by colder weather with blustery snow showers. Southern England will start dry, but rain over the rest of England and Wales will spread south to give a wet day, the rain turning to sleet or snow mainly on hills. Clearer, colder weather will reach all parts by midnight. Outlook: sleet and snow showers, and sharp frosts. Becoming very cold and windy.

Abroad

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	8	46	s	Luxor	25	77	s
Alicante	18	64	s	Madrid	8	46	s
Alex'dria	25	77	s	Majorca	7	45	f
Algiers	12	54	f	Malaga	13	55	f
Amst'dm	0	32	f	Malta	9	48	r
Athens	6	43	r	Melb'rne	19	66	c
Bahrain	19	66	s	Mexico C*	21	70	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Miami*	22	72	c
Barbados*	28	82	s	Milan	5	41	s
Barcelona	7	45	s	Montreal*	-7	19	c
Beirut	21	70	s	Moscow	-8	21	s
Belgrade	-2	28	sn	Munich	-6	21	sn
Berlin	0	32	sn	Naples	5	41	s
Bermuda*	21	70	f	N Delhi	20	68	f
Biarritz	3	37	s	N York*	2	36	c
Borde'x	2	36	s	Nice	8	46	s
Brussels	5	41	s	Oslo	-3	27	c
Budapst	-1	30	sn	Paris	3	37	f
B Aires*	28	79	f	Peking	3	37	s
Cairo	26	79	s	Perth	26	77	s
Cape Tn	28	82	s	Prague	-3	27	sn
Chicago*	-7	19	s	Reykjavik	-3	27	c
Ch'church	16	64	c	Rhodes	14	57	r
Cologne	-1	30	f	Rio de J	28	79	f
C'phagn	0	32	s	Riyadh	19	66	s
Corfu	8	46	f	Rome	7	45	s
Dublin	8	46	f	Salzburg	-3	27	sn
Dubrovnik	6	43	f	S F'isco*	12	54	c
Faro	16	61	s	Santiago*	28	82	s
Florence	5	41	s	S Paulo*	24	75	c
Frankfurt	0	32	s	Seoul	-2	28	s
Funchal	16	61	c	Sing'por	30	86	f
Geneva	-3	27	f	St'kholm	-3	27	c
Gibraltar	15	59	f	Strasb'rg	-1	30	s
Helsinki	-2	28	d	Sydney	29	79	s
Hong K	19	66	s	Tangier	17	63	f
Innsbruck	-5	23	f	Tel Aviv	23	73	s
Istanbul	5	41	f	Tenerife	19	66	c
Jeddah	30	86	s	Tokyo	9	48	s
Jo'burg*	23	73	f	Toronto*	-10	14	sn
Karachi	27	81	c	Tunis	10	50	c
L Palmas	20	68	f	Valencia	9	48	f
Le Touquet	4	39	r	Vanc'ver*	3	37	s
Lisbon	10	50	s	Venice	6	43	s
Locarno	9	37	s	Vienna	-4	25	sn
London	7	45	c	Warsaw	2	36	sl
L Angels*	15	59	f	Washton*	2	36	f
Luxembg	-1	30	f	Zurich	-3	27	f

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 9C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6pm, 57 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,030.2 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day Saunton Sands, Devon, 10C (50F); lowest day Warcop, Cumbria, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Newquay, Cornwall, 0.10in; highest sunshine: Tenby, Dyfed, 9.4hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 9C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, -1C (30F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.8hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 9C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

UK

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.05	7	45	cloudy
Anglesey	3.0	-	8	46	sunny
Ardamore	0.2	0.01	6	43	cloudy
Belfast	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Birmingham	6.4	-	8	46	sunny
Bognor Regis	8.2	-	8	46	sunny
Bournemouth	7.5	-	8	46	sunny
Bristol	7.1	-	8	46	sunny
Buxton	2.5	-	5	41	bright
Cardiff	8.5	-	7	45	sunny
Clacton	4.2	0.09	6	43	sunny
Cromer	-	0.01	5	41	cloudy
Douglas	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Edinburgh	1.7	-	9	48	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	-	0.02	5	41	fog
Exmouth	8.1	0.03	7	45	sunny
Falmouth	8.1	-	9	48	sunny
Folkestone	2.9	0.04	4	39	snow
Glasgow	0.7	-	9	48	cloudy
Guernsey	1.5	-	8	46	bright
Hastings	5.0	-	5	41	snow
Hunstanton	0.9	-	5	41	bright
Jersey	4.9	-	7	45	bright
Kinloss	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Leeds	0.5	-	7	45	cloudy
Lerwick	1.9	0.05	7	45	shower
Littlehampton	6.9	-	7	45	sunny
Liverpool	2.3	-	7	45	cloudy
London	6.3	-	8	46	sunny
Lowestoft	2.5	0.04	5	41	bright
Manchester	3.0	-	7	45	sunny
Minehead	8.2	0.03	7	45	sunny
Morecambe	0.1	-	6	43	cloudy
Newcastle	0.1	-	7	45	cloudy
Newquay	6.5	0.10	8	46	sunny
Nottingham	1.7	0.02	7	45	bright
Penzance	6.4	0.01	9	48	sunny
Plymouth	9.3	-	8	46	sunny
Poole	6.4	-	8	46	sunny
Prestwick	-	0.01	8	46	drizzle
Saunton Snd	8.3	-	10	50	sunny
Scarborough	-	0.04	5	41	cloudy
Scilly Isles	6.4	-	10	50	sunny
Shanklin	9.2	-	7	45	sunny
Southsea	8.4	-	7	45	sunny
Stornoway	-	0.02	7	45	cloudy
Swanage	8.5	-	8	43	sunny
Teignmouth	9.3	0.02	7	45	sunny
Tenby	9.4	-	7	45	sunny
Tiree	1.4	0.05	9	48	shower
Torquay	9.1	-	9	48	sunny
Weymouth	8.3	-	7	45	sunny
Wick	0.1	0.01	7	45	cloudy
Worthing	6.3	-	7	45	sunny

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.16	1.96
Austria Sch	17.45	15.95
Belgium Fr	51.15	46.75
Canada $	1.935	1.775
Denmark Kr	8.54	8.74
Finland Mkk	9.13	8.32
France Fr	8.38	7.68
Germany Dm	2.47	2.27
Greece Dr	337.00	312.00
Hong Kong $	11.78	10.78
Ireland Pt	1.01	0.93
Italy Lira	2390.00	2225.00
Japan Yen	195.25	180.25
Netherlands Gld	2.785	2.555
Norway Kr	10.32	9.72
Portugal Esc	225.50	207.50
South Africa Rd	5.30	4.60
Spain Pta	173.25	160.25
Sweden Kr	11.82	11.02
Switzerland Fr	2.26	2.10
Turkey Lira	13925.0	12925.0
USA $	1.537	1.412

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 5.34 pm to 6.52 am
Bristol 5.40 pm to 7.04 am
Edinburgh 5.39 pm to 7.12 am
Manchester 5.39 pm to 7.04 am
Penzance 5.57 pm to 7.12 am

Sun rises: 6.55 am
Sun sets: 5.34 pm
Moon rises 7.43 am
Moon sets 10.13 pm
First quarter March 1

YESTERDAY

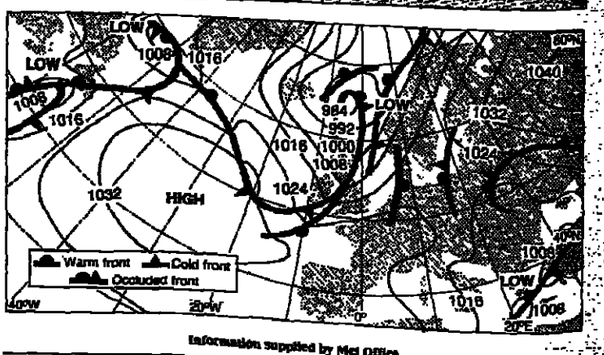
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	6	43	r	Guernsey	3	37	c
B'mngham	8	46	s	Inverness	9	48	f
Blackpool	7	45	c	Jersey	4	39	s
Bristol	7	45	c	London	7	45	c
Cardiff	7	45	c	M'nchster	7	45	f
Edinburgh	9	48	f	Newcastle	7	45	c
Glasgow	8	46	f	R'nldsway	7	45	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.48	7.0	4.13	7.0	Liverpool	1.03	8.9	1.19	9.1
Aberdeen	3.19	4.0	3.18	4.1	Lowestoft	11.46	2.2	11.41	2.4
Avonmouth	9.15	12.8	9.28	12.5	Margate	1.51	4.6	2.15	4.5
Belfast	12.52	3.2	1.04	3.4	Milford Haven	9.00	11.8	8.13	11.6
Cardiff	9.00	11.8	8.13	11.6	Newquay	7.46	5.2	8.02	5.1
Davenport	7.46	5.2	8.02	5.1	Oban	12.49	6.5	1.00	6.2
Dover	12.49	6.5	1.00	6.2	Penzance	7.15	5.0	7.32	4.9
Falmouth	7.15	5.0	7.32	4.9	Portland	2.54	4.5	3.06	4.6
Glasgow	2.54	4.5	3.06	4.6	Portsmouth	8.44	1.9	8.57	1.8
Harwich	1.42	3.9	2.02	3.8	Shoreham	1.09	4.7	1.23	4.5
Holyhead	12.10	5.2	12.22	5.4	Southampton	1.00	6.0	1.13	6.8
Hull	8.22	7.1	8.32	7.4	Swansea	12.45	4.4	12.51	4.3
Ilfracombe	7.59	8.8	8.11	8.7	Tees	8.19	9.0	8.30	8.8
King's Lynn	8.35	6.1	8.36	6.4	W'ton-on-Nze	1.35	4.2	1.57	4.1
Leith	4.42	5.1	4.41	5.2					

NOON TODAY



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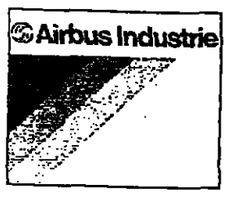
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BUSINESS TODAY

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President Clinton and his economic advisers see Airbus Industrie as symbolising the gravest of threats to American industry
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European industry ministers will today attempt to reach agreement on a radical £700 million shake-up of the steel industry
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Owners Abroad is braced for a fresh onslaught by Airtours after Michael Heseltine cleared the £225 million hostile bid
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.4345 (-0.0215)
German mark.... 2.3213 (-0.0331)
Exchange index ..... 76.0 (-1.0)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2617.0 (-1.0)
Dow Jones .3338.69 (+15.12)*
Nikkei Avge ..16798.94 (-64.21)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 6%
3-month Interbank..... 6⅝-6⅛%
US Federal Funds 2⅞%*
3-month Trees Bills 2.94-2.92%*
Long Bond..... 6.85%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4365*	£:$	1.4383
$:DM	1.6195*	£:DM	2.3279
$:Swfr.	1.4987*	£:Swfr	2.1553
$:Ffr	5.4925*	£:Ffr	7.9050
$:Yen	116.88*	£:Yen	168.10
£:SDR	1.0488	£:ECU	1.2089

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($).
AM 330.35 ..... PM 329.90
Close 329.80-330.30
New York:
Comex 330 55-331.05*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 137.9 January (1.7%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Sterling sinks to new lows amid talk of rate cuts



By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

STERLING slumped to record lows against the mark and the yen, undermined by persistent market expectations that interest rates will be cut again to secure economic recovery. The pound was also caught in the crossfire of heavy trading in other currencies.

At the close, the Bank of England's sterling index had fallen from 77.0 to 76.0. The pound closed at an all-time closing low against the mark of DM2.3213, compared with DM2.3544 on Tuesday night, having traded as low as DM2.3175. Against the yen, sterling fell to a record low of Y167.50 and also lost about two cents against the dollar, which ended in London at $1.4345.

The pound continues to be undermined by a general lack of confidence in the British economy and a conviction that lower base rates are on the way. John Hall, of Swiss Bank Corp, said: "Sterling is just terminally sick but yesterday the real action was elsewhere."

Central to currency movements yesterday was the dollar, which has fallen dramatically in recent days against the yen in reaction to speculation that finance ministers of the Group of Seven industrialised nations, who meet with central bank governors in London on Saturday, want to engineer a long-term rise in the yen to cut Japan's large trade surplus with the rest of the world.

The dollar stabilised against the yen yesterday, closing at Y116.90 from Y117.10 on Tuesday, partly because statements by the Japanese authorities suggested some discomfort with the speed at which the yen has risen recently.

However, the dollar was weak against the mark despite healthier than expected data for US durable goods orders for December and January. It was quoted in late London trading at DM1.6190, against its close in New York on Tuesday of DM1.6235.

George Magnus, an international economist at Warburg Securities, believes the dollar will remain vulnerable, partly because of a perception that Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve, is leaving the way open for one more cut in American interest rates. At the same time, German rates are only coming down very gradually, even though the Bundesbank is expected to cut its discount rate again within the next two weeks. Caution may be reinforced by worse than expected inflation figures from two key German states. Mr Magnus said: "Until interest rates start to reflect the real economic situations, currency movements won't take account of the fact that the US is recovering and the German economy is weakening." The pound fell along with several weaker European currencies as the mark strengthened. The central banks of Spain, Portugal, Italy and Sweden were all believed to be intervening in support of their currencies. In Italy, the markets were bracing themselves for a confidence vote called by Guiliano Amato, the Italian prime minister. The Spanish government, which intervened for the third day running to prop up the peseta, has been undermined by opposition hints that it would like a weaker currency or even a devaluation. The Canadian dollar was weak as Brian Mulroney resigned as prime minister.

BAe targets costs after £1.2bn loss

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

BRITISH Aerospace, Britain's biggest manufacturing company, lost £1.2 billion last year, after setting aside £1 billion to restructure its troubled regional aircraft business.

A further 10,000 jobs will be shed from the 100,000-strong workforce over the next 12 months as the company cuts costs in all activities, ranging from Tornado jets to Rover cars. Last year, the company cut its workforce by 13,000.

John Cahill, chairman, said 1992 had been "the most testing year in the company's history"; internal problems had been compounded by severe recession in many overseas markets.

However, progress in cost cutting, combined with defence orders totalling more than £12 billion, were grounds for hope. "Although a recovery in demand would be helpful, we are not counting on it," Mr Cahill said. "Cost reduction will continue to be the major focus of management in obtaining an improved return for shareholders."

Despite BAe's difficulties in commercial markets, and a 5.5 per cent decline in overall turnover to £9.98 billion, the company's core defence business made good progress. It increased sales by 10 per cent in a world defence equipment market estimated to have contracted by 12 per cent. Overall, defence made profits before interest payments of £352 million, on sales of £4 billion. Over the past five years, labour costs have been cut from 45 per cent of sales to 30 per cent.

An order for 48 Tornado bombers from Saudi Arabia and confirmation of the Eurofighter 2000 programme underpin the long-term future of the business.

Rover Group lost £49 million, on sales 1.6 per cent lower at £3.68 billion. Rover increased its share of the UK car market to 14.1 per cent, and the workforce was reduced by 10 per cent to 33,500. A further 1,000 jobs went in January.

The number of cars sold fell from 470,000 to 421,000. George Simpson, head of Rover and BAe's deputy chief executive, said capital investment and development were being maintained. The break-even level had been cut to 440,000 vehicles, and the target was 400,000. Productivity had risen by 15 per cent.

Mr Cahill rejected any suggestion that Rover might be sold this year, when undertakings to the government expire. "Rover remains part of our core business strategy," he said. BAe has sold its stake in DAF for a negligible sum, resulting in a £36 million write-off.

The commercial aircraft business has been devastated by huge worldwide overcapacity in small airliners. Last year, it lost £337 million on £1.49 billion of sales. Now a deal has been struck with Taiwan Aerospace to establish a 50-50 joint venture, called Avro, to build regional jets.

The manufacture of wings for Airbus Industrie, in which BAe has a 20 per cent stake, remains satisfactory. The Airbus work is estimated to account for two-thirds of the division's turnover.

Manufacturing sites have been told they must cut costs by 25 to 30 per cent over the next three years, to restore the competitiveness of aircraft such as the RJ series (previously the BAe 146), the ATP turboprop and the Jetstream corporate jet.

If costs could be cut, Mr Cahill said, the prospects of the civil business would be transformed. Talks were continuing with other plane-makers to find partners in the regional and corporate jet markets.

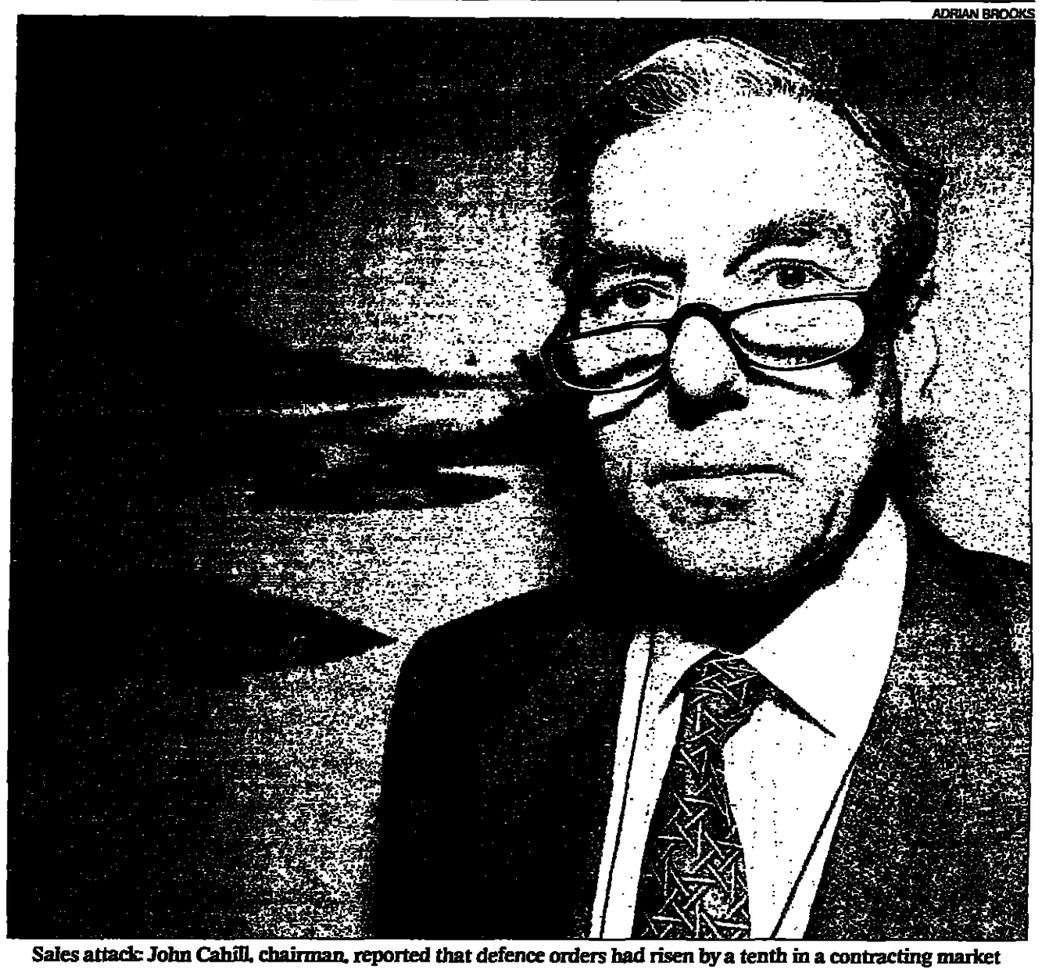
Concentrating ATP assembly alongside Jetstream at Prestwick is expected to lift the workforce there by 600 to 2,200, but make possible a 38 per cent cut in manpower needed to build the plane.

Profits from Ballast Nedam, BAe's Netherlands-based construction business, halved to £14 million, on sales slightly up at £792 million. Arlington, a property developer acquired to redevelop redundant manufacturing sites, made reduced losses of £2 million, on sales of £88 million.

A 4p final dividend is being paid which, with the delayed interim, makes 7p for the year, against 25p last year.

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ADRIAN BROOKS



Sales attack: John Cahill, chairman, reported that defence orders had risen by a tenth in a contracting market

Kvaerner plans $570m North Sea power link

By Colin Narbrough, World Trade Correspondent

KVAERNER, the Norwegian conglomerate and Britain's biggest shipbuilder by ownership of Govan shipyards on the Clyde, is working with the privatised National Grid and Eastern Electric to supply pollution-free electricity from Norway to Britain via a 730 kilometre cable under the North Sea.

The 660 megawatt power line, estimated to cost $570 million, would allow Britain's electricity industry to further reduce its reliance on power generated from coal. The cable, which could be in place in the late 1990s, would run from Lista in southern Norway to Walpole in Suffolk.

Asea Brown Boveri, the Swedish-Swiss power engineering group, Alcatel Cable of France and Siemens of Germany are also involved in the project.

Kvaerner, which says work has been in progress for a year, sees no technical obstacles to the undersea cable and notes that technological advances now mean power loss would be minimal.

Yuppies are dead, long live Mambies



ANATOLE KALETSKY

In the summer of 1981, when unemployment first approached 3 million, gangs of rampaging youths materialised from nowhere, burnt down the shopping centres of Brixton, Southall, Moss Side, and Toxteth, provoked an outbreak of indignation and introspection, and then vanished as quickly as they had appeared. It was, of course, pure coincidence that unemployment again hit 3 million last Thursday, in the same week that two-year old James Bulger was found murdered in Liverpool. Yet, in this tragic coincidence, there was also poetic justice.

The self-styled social experts who associate crime with unemployment may not know what they are talking about. The best statistical studies, for what they are worth, show no link whatsoever between unemployment and violence, although they do show a strong correlation between the state of the business cycle (as defined by the rate of growth of consumption) and the incidence of theft, burglary and other *property* crime. But does this mean that the present orgy of national recrimination will die away as quickly as the one of the early 1980s, allowing the government to shirk responsibility in time-honoured John Major style? I think not. My reasoning, if valid, could shed some light on a political and economic paradox beginning to emerge around the world. Even if it is true, as the statistics seem to show, that violence has declined in the face of rising unemployment, this tells us nothing about how the public will perceive the connections between crime and government policies. In particular, there are two common sense links that cannot be refuted by any amount of statistics. First, every known society offers a safety-net for the poor and unemployed; the main question is whether it is provided by government or crime. Second, persistent criminals who go to prison are thereby kept off the streets — and that is as important as deterrence, "retribution" or even rehabilitation.

In the years ahead, governments will come under growing pressure to deal with unemployment, if necessary through the "left-wing" policies of social welfare and demand management abandoned in the free market economic revolution of the 1980s. At the same time, there will be public clamour to restore social order, if necessary with some of the "right-wing" policies on crime, education, censorship, sexual orientation, and family structure abandoned in the libertarian social revolution of the last decade.

Governments that had become accustomed to shirking responsibility for the unemployed will be expected to "do something" about economic growth and social safety nets. But voters will also tell them to instil discipline in schools, to favour nuclear families, and to keep the streets safe by locking up criminals and throwing away the keys.

Why should this be? The answer, I believe, is demographics: specifically, the power of the vast generation of "baby boomers" born between 1946 and 1961. The 1980s were the Yuppie decade. The baby boomers were in their twenties and thirties, predominantly single, aspiring to personal affluence and interested mainly in sensual gratification of every form. In economics it was the decade of right-wing *laissez faire* individualism. But in social policy it was the period when, despite the conservative rhetoric of Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan, the erosion of traditional authority that started in the 1960s was gradually enshrined in law.

The conventional wisdom among politicians, even today, is that the Yuppie mix of economic conservatism and social libertarianism, will be the defining political philsophy of the next 50 years. But conventional wisdom forgets that Yuppies grow up. The politics of the next decade may be dominated by the people who elected Mrs Thatcher and President Reagan, but in their forties and fifties these people will have very different concerns. They will be more interested in schools, health, safe streets and the moral influences on their children, than in low taxes and unbridled free speech. The Yuppie decade, when Mrs Thatcher said "there is no such thing as society" is over. In the 1990s the baby-boomers will recognise society because they are Married and Middle-aged with Babies. Perhaps it should be called the Mamby Decade.

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Heseltine clears bid for Owners

The City expects the travel company Airtours to raise its offer by up to 20 per cent, with an element of cash, and a rival offer from a third party has not been ruled out

By Sarah Bagnall

MICHAEL Heseltine has overruled the Office of Fair Trading and decided not to refer Airtours' £225 million hostile bid for Owners Abroad, a rival travel company, to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The decision marks the second time the trade secretary has departed from an OFT recommendation. Two weeks ago, he gave the go-ahead for General Electric Company's acquisition of Infra-Red Defence Components Business.

Historically, disagreements between the DTI and OFT are rare. The two recent decisions compare with 91 agreed with since Sir Bryan Carsberg's appointment as director-general of the OFT last June.

Mr Heseltine said he arrived at the Airtours' bid decision because "on balance the competition issues raised by the merger were not sufficient to justify reference". A combination of Airtours and Owners would result in the enlarged group having 30 per cent of the UK travel market, which after rationalisation would fall to 25 per cent, according to Airtours. This compares with Thomson Corporation's 30 per cent market share. Mr Heseltine also cleared Owners' proposed link with Thomas Cook, the travel subsidiary of Westdeutsche Landesbank, the German bank.

The Consumers' Association said the decision was "a severe disappointment" and would create a duopoly in the package travel industry.

Airtours shares rose 6p to 302p while Owners shares jumped 14p to 130p, a 15 per cent premium to the bid price, on the back of the market's view that Airtours would raise its offer or that a counter-offer might materialise. Hamish Dixon, of Hoare Govett, said Airtours was likely to add something to its bid, probably in the form of cash. The City believes any increase would be limited to 20 per cent.

Mr Heseltine's ruling restarts the takeover clock, making Friday the deadline for the final defence document, which is expected to focus on the value of the Thomas Cook link and the perception that the Airtours' offer undervalues the company. The next key date is March 5, the last opportunity Airtours has to revise its offer and release new information. The final deadline is March 19.

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JOHN MANNING



Reflecting market growth: Rodney Harnett, chairman, flanked by directors David Howarth, left, and Bruce Ledwith

Atreus seeks expansion with £7m listing

By Philip Pangalos

ATREUS, the bathroom and decorative mirrors group, is joining the market, in a move valuing the company at £7.2 million.

The listing will be achieved through the effective reverse takeover of URS International, an American engineering consultancy services group, a placing and public offer, through Sheppards, and the acquisition of the DB (UK) Group of companies, which manufacture Selecta and Leda glass products. Shares in URS, which is effectively a shell, were temporarily suspended at ½p last week.

There is a placing and public offer of 27.5 million shares, at 20p each, raising £5 million. About 11.25 million shares are being placed in the market, with the balance of 16.25 million shares offered to the public at 20p each.

Atreus, which is a British market leader in over-bath shower screens, intends to capitalise on its dominant position in the UK bathroom market and also to move into the continental market. The group's products are sold through builders' merchants, bathroom specialists, DIY superstores and mail-order catalogues.

Of the £5 million net proceeds, £1 million will be used for future investment, with the group's existing cash of about £1.2 million.

Rodney Harnett, the company doctor who will chair Atreus, said: "The Atreus group of companies has shown considerable growth in the last few years. The listing will enable us to further develop our objective of becoming the market leader in quality screens, mirrors and panels and complementary products for the home improvement and commercial markets in the UK and Europe."

The group has some exposure to the Spanish market and is looking to take advantage of further opportunities in Spain as well as France and Scandinavia. Bruce Ledwith, a director and founder of the company in 1978, said: "There is an opportunity and a demand for our type of product."

The estimated earnings multiple at the offer price is 9.85. Atreus said that, had its shares been listed in 1992-3, it would have paid total dividends of 0.75p a share — implying a gross yield of 5 per cent on the offer price.

Dealings are expected to begin on March 26.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Costain appeals against US ruling on coal sale

COSTAIN Group has lodged an appeal against Tuesday's permanent injunction by an American court that prevents the group from selling its Australian coal mining and property interests to Altus of France. Peabody Resources (UK), a subsidiary of the Hanson group, had argued before the US Federal Court in St Louis, Missouri, that Costain had already entered into a conditional agreement with it, whereby Peabody would buy Costain's coal interests for $200 million.

The appeal will be heard within the next three weeks. Peter Costain, the construction group's chief executive, said: "We are disappointed with the ruling. We firmly believe that we have acted entirely in the best interests of shareholders." Costain shares fell 3p to 26p.

Bromley deal for Capita

CAPITA Group, Britain's largest provider of management services to the public sector, has won a contract worth £24 million over five years to manage financial services for the London borough of Bromley. Capita will manage most of its exchequer services, including the council's payroll, pensions, business rates, council tax and benefits. Bromley is the first London borough to contract out its financial services, anticipating government requirements for compulsory competitive tendering on local authority white collar services.

Showa Shell to act

SHOWA Shell Sekiyu may demote two managers and dismiss a third over the loss of about Y125 billion (£733 million) in fiscal 1992 on disastrous forward foreign currency trades, Japanese news reports said. Yutaka Otaka, managing director, and Yasuyuki Futami, a director, both of the treasury division, will be demoted, while a treasury manager will be dismissed, the reports said. A spokesman declined to confirm the reports, saying any action will be decided by the board today, when the company announces its financial results.

Job fears at Shorts

REDUNDANCIES are expected at Short Brothers, the Belfast aircraft firm and Ulster's largest manufacturer, after a decision by Fokker Aircraft in The Netherlands to reduce production of its F100 twin-jet airliner. The wings of the F100, worth about £1.5 million a pair, are built in Belfast, where the production line employs about 1,000 of Shorts' 8,000 workers. Fokker has cut back from a planned annual rate of 59 aircraft in both 1993 and 1994 to only 47 aircraft a year. Originally, an annual output of 64 had been planned.

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Global Gth Sec	59.77	63.58	-0.02	2.88
Ethical Growth	62.83	66.84	-0.23	2.84
High Inc Equity	147.10	156.40†	-1.30	5.43
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European Inc	78.43	83.18†	+0.54	1.61
Exempt	878.50	907.70†	-2.60	3.37
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Balanced	611.90	664.10	-0.50	2.90
American Inc	48.98	52.35†	+0.79	3.27
Wld Asset Val	37.82	40.42	+0.33	1.90
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-do- Inc	217.10	231.00	-1.40	3.05
Higher Inc Acc	542.80	577.50	-3.30	4.20
-do- Inc	334.90	356.30	-1.90	4.20
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	174.40	184.20	+0.40	6.53
-do- Inc	93.98	99.25	+0.17	6.53
Nth America	255.50	271.90	+0.90	...
Far East	257.50	274.00	+1.50	0.31
Europe	215.60	229.40	+0.60	1.40
General Inc	409.70	435.90	-2.10	2.74
-do- Acc	446.20	474.70	-2.40	2.74
Brit Excell	61.79	65.74	-0.39	3.05
Brit Fndmtls Inc	64.12	68.22	-0.26	5.23
Brit Fndmtls Acc	81.69	86.91	-0.34	5.23
Global Opps	67.89	72.23	+0.07	0.10
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Capital	103.70	110.90†	-1.00	3.36
Euro Gth Inc	113.10	119.90	-0.10	1.21
Extra Inc	102.10	109.20	-0.70	5.50
General	232.80	249.00	-2.40	3.47
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.49	59.47†	+0.11	8.74
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American Gth	90.10	95.78	+0.55	0.10
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Australia	...	...	...	...
Convertibles	51.71	55.30	-0.03	7.40
Eastern	176.70	190.50	+1.80	1.70
Equity Income	77.24	82.16	-0.11	6.60
European Gth	226.80	241.20	+1.10	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	151.40	161.70	+1.70	2.00
Exempt	80.51	82.72†	+0.55	3.90
German Growth	53.21	56.81	-0.48	0.80
Global Growth	106.30	113.50	-0.60	...
Japan Growth	161.30	172.90†	...	...
Japan Sunrise	135	144.10	+0.40	...
Portfolio	113.20	121.20†	-0.10	3.40
-do- Acc	202	216.20†	-0.10	3.40
UK Growth	75.43	80.24	-0.46	3.10
UK Smaller Cos	76.44	81.75	-0.18	2.00
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-do- Inc	37.19	39.78†	-0.04	4.52
Smlr Cos Acc	82.55	88.29	-0.43	1.81
-do- Inc	76.34	81.65	-0.40	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	56.38	60.30	-0.02	...
-do- Inc	55.33	59.18†	-0.02	...
Euro Gth Acc	95.79	102.45	-1.09	1.78
-do- Inc	94.91	101.51	-1.08	1.78
Mngd P folio	33.64	35.97	-0.02	1.54
Pacific Growth	89.29	95.50	+0.86	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	84.20	90.05	+0.48	1.09
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High Inc	71.48	76.49	-0.42	7.21
Income	123.20	131.80	-0.70	4.40
Mngd P folio Inc	89.70	95.53†	-0.44	2.18
-do- Acc	169.30	180.40	-0.80	...
North American	104.20	110.90	-0.40	0.20
Orient	100.40	108.10	+0.30	...
Recovery	36.60	39.35	-0.03	3.00
German	43.27	46.38	-0.17	0.09
Intl Growth	32.31	34.41	+0.14	0.23
European Inc	22.90	24.66	+0.07	0.46
Conv General	19.47	20.83	...	8.01
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Fellowship Tst	63.53	67.59	-0.56	1.00
-do- Acc	70.84	75.37	-0.62	1.00
Income Fund 5	205.90	219.10	-0.80	4.15
-do- Acc	468.30	498.10	-1.70	4.15
Inv Portfolio	63.42	67.79†	-0.38	2.18
-do- Acc	73.87	76.55†	-0.43	2.18
Smaller Cos	117.60	125.20	-0.40	3.01
-do- Acc	141.30	150.40	-0.50	2.01
High Inc P folio	57.91	60.01	-0.30	4.86
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Income	51.38	54.95†	-0.40	4.42
Far East	42.35	45.29	+0.26	0.34
North American	77.05	82.85	-0.41	0.01
Global	80.32	85.90	+0.54	0.70
European	69.52	74.35	+0.53	1.38
Japan	88.83	95.00	+0.31	0.01
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-do- Acc	69.08	73.11	+0.49	1.07
Far East Gen	50.02	53.22	+0.48	...
-do- Acc	50.53	53.22	+0.48	...
Glenfriars	240.60	256.00	-0.20	1.33
-do- Acc	270.20	287.50	-0.30	1.33
Growth	366.90	392.50	-1.70	2.59
-do- Acc	628.80	672.60	-3.00	2.59
Income Growth	359.20	382.20†	-2.30	4.15
-do- Acc	477.70	508.20	-3.00	4.15
Master Portfolio	9252.0	9565.0†	+6.00	2.87
-do- Acc	10657.0	11017.0	-7.00	2.87
Special Sits	84.13	89.50†	-0.45	2.55
-do- Acc	93.46	104.75	-0.52	2.55
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Capital	517.80	552.60	+0.70	2.54
Euromex 100	129.40	137.50†	+0.40	1.74
Euro Gth	79.85	84.98	+0.15	1.45
Far East Growth	82.09	87.60	+1.45	0.16
Global Bond	23.80	25.08†	+0.30	6.87
Hong Kong	74.21	79.19	+1.37	0.61
Income	491.60	524.60	-0.80	4.78
Intl Growth	71.13	75.91	-0.43	1.07
Japan Growth	209.10	223.10	+0.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	26.70	28.49†	+0.10	...
Japan Index	62.53	66.73†	+0.27	0.30
Nth American	423.20	451.60	+6.10	0.99
S pore Mly Gth	51.07	54.50	+1.83	...
The Footsie Fd	104.70	110.50	...	2.84
Tiger Index	137.40	146.60	+1.80	0.72
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-do- Acc	162.05	162.22	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.26	65.54	...	2.47
Beckman Intl	82.81	87.43	+3.05	3.24
Friars Hse Inc	174.30	187.42	...	6.62
Friars Hse Cap	241.83	260.03	...	2.98
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	107.44	114.30	+0.98	...
European Gth	95.06	101.13	+0.19	1.28
Far East Gth	94.80	100.86	+0.89	0.32
Japan Gth Acc	33.86	36.02	+0.15	...
Managed	60.19	64.03	-0.10	3.08
-do- Acc	72.69	77.33	-0.12	3.08
Mthly Inc Plus	47.32	50.34	+0.04	8.53
Smaller Cos	31.79	33.82†	-0.03	2.16
-do- Acc	35.79	38.07	-0.03	2.16
UK General	66.26	70.49	-0.35	2.83
-do- Acc	79.44	84.51	-0.41	2.83
Wwide Bd	66.31	70.54	+0.75	6.20
-do- Acc	83.09	88.40	+0.94	6.20
Wwide Sp Sits	53.16	56.86†	+0.20	0.28
-do- Acc	55.38	59.23	+0.21	0.28
Quilter General	119.43	127.05	-0.73	2.56
-do- Acc	131.46	139.85	-0.80	2.56
Quilter Income	89.87	95.61†	-0.40	4.70
-do- Acc	110.77	117.84	-0.49	4.70
Quilter Intl	122.77	130.61	+0.14	0.46
-do- Acc	124.47	132.41	+0.15	0.46
Quilter UK Spec	67.80	72.13	-0.34	2.56
-do- Acc	89.70	95.43	-0.46	2.56
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	97.93	104.18	-0.59	1.85
Fixed Conv	40.65	43.25†	+0.49	8.15
-do- Acc	106.08	112.85	+1.32	8.15
Equity Inc	138.89	147.76†	-0.41	4.22
-do- Acc	446.59	475.10	-1.32	4.22
High Yield	115.78	123.17	-0.30	5.27
-do- Acc	433.32	460.98	-1.16	5.27
Preference	46.90	49.89†	-0.65	7.93
-do- Acc	237.53	252.69	-3.32	7.93
PPT Europe	149.50	159.04	+0.33	0.59
PPT Global Bnd	85.28	90.72	+0.95	4.84
PPT Gold Conn	50.09	53.29	+0.79	...
PPT Thai	58.47	62.20	+1.31	...
PPT Hong Kong	97.91	104.16	+1.39	0.43
PPT Japan	93.36	99.32	-0.61	...
PPT N Amer	149.70	159.26	+1.56	...
PPT S'pore Mly	99.71	106.07	+0.43	...
PPT UK	112.02	119.17	-0.56	1.57
PPT Cash	91.06	91.06	+0.01	6.29
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	77.49	82.44	+0.96	0.96
Japanese Acc	48.42	51.51	+0.03	...
UK Balncd Inc	121.30	129.00	-1.00	2.60
-do- Acc	141.60	150.60	-1.20	2.60
UK Growth Acc	201.30	214.20	-1.60	2.25
UK High Inc	129.30	137.60	-1.00	6.90
-do- Acc	152.80	162.50	-1.20	6.90
N America Acc	111.00	118.10	+0.70	0.33
European Acc	151.50	161.20	-0.50	0.43
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.38	64.09	+0.06	8.82
-do- Acc	97.45	103.40	+0.10	8.82
Intl Sp Sits Acc	45.17	48.05	+0.18	0.24
Environmntl Opp	70.68	75.19	-0.58	1.47
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	113.40	120.40	+0.90	...
UK Smlr Cos	180.50	191.80	-0.10	1.30
Eurofund	37.88	40.04	+0.18	1.00
Mngd Exempt	163.60	170.40	+0.30	3.08
Growth Inc	207.10	220.00†	-0.50	4.09
High Dist	134.60	143.00	-0.70	6.05
International	311.30	330.80	+1.00	0.98
Intl Income	80.48	85.91	+0.53	3.03
Pacific	57.67	61.27	+0.87	0.49
Smllr Jap Cos	56.52	60.05	+0.31	...
Tokyo	164.10	174.40	+0.90	...
Japan Exempt	91.97	94.49	+0.19	0.53
Sm Jap Exempt	462.60	475.30	+6.20	0.11
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261				
Endurance	165.00	175.50	...	1.07
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	101.84	107.20	-0.06	3.64
High Income	116.66	122.82	-0.26	5.25
Tst of Inv Tsts	137.63	144.87†	-0.28	2.22
Special Sits	81.82	86.13	-0.10	3.36
North American	104.45	109.95	+1.14	1.00
Far Eastern	216.51	227.90	+3.17	1.52
Intl Growth	90.15	94.89	+1.01	1.45
European	63.90	67.26	+0.25	2.22
Smaller Cos	69.29	72.94	-0.20	2.28
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	216.70	230.00	-1.50	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	6.00
European Tst	110.40	117.40	+0.90	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	93.40	98.87	+0.31	0.88
Far Eastern	117.70	125.90	+0.80	...
Overs Income	88.67	95.03	+0.99	2.69
UK Growth	89.29	95.50†	-0.45	1.73
UK Income	99.02	105.90	-0.90	3.91
US Smaller Cos	227.00	242.80	+2.60	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	403.10	431.00	+3.10	...
-do- Acc	411.80	440.30	+3.20	...
Capital	280.40	298.20	-0.70	2.19
-do- Acc	387.10	411.70	-0.90	2.19
Conti Smllr Cos	46.57	50.14	+0.53	1.31
-do- Acc	48.18	51.88	+0.53	1.31
Convertible	107.50	114.30	+0.10	6.61
-do- Acc	199.10	211.70	+0.20	6.61
European	97.58	104.40	+0.50	0.93
-do- Acc	100.80	107.90	+0.50	0.93
Extra Income	279.00	296.70†	-1.00	4.55
-do- Acc	390.70	415.50†	-1.30	4.55
Financial	103.30	111.20	+0.50	0.60
-do- Acc	107.50	115.70	+0.50	0.60
Health Fund Inc	107.50	114.80	-1.20	...
-do- Acc	107.50	114.80	-1.20	...
Income Tst	170.10	180.90	-0.70	4.26
-do- Acc	237.10	252.20	-0.90	4.26
Intl Growth	295.50	315.60	+2.40	...
-do- Acc	328.10	350.40	+2.60	...
Japan Gen	139.40	149.10	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	140.80	150.60	+0.60	...
Mngd P folio Inc	88.65	93.31	+0.05	1.07
-do- Acc	91.54	96.35	+0.05	1.07
Monthly Income	141.90	150.90	-0.20	4.65
Recovery	280.00	299.40†	-0.90	0.68
-do- Acc	328.00	350.70†	-1.00	0.68
Gilt Gth Tst	61.75	63.67	+0.05	6.90
-do- Acc	77.52	79.93	+0.06	6.90
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	337.83	359.39	-2.83	3.02
-do- Acc	682.10	725.64	-5.72	3.02
Euro Gth Dist	104.32	110.98†	-0.21	1.01
-do- Acc	107.44	114.30†	-0.21	1.01
Fixed Int Dist	130.74	138.29	-0.24	6.58
-do- Acc	217.01	229.54	-0.39	6.58
Intl Gth Dist	73.08	77.74	+0.08	0.86
-do- Acc	75.59	80.41	+0.07	0.86
Nth Amer Dist	165.74	175.72†	-0.17	0.83
-do- Acc	179.75	190.57†	-0.18	0.83
Pac Basin Dist	222.72	236.94†	+1.64	0.34
-do- Acc	226.24	240.68†	+1.66	0.34
Stewardship Dist	288.97	307.42	-1.13	1.96
-do- Acc	341.88	363.70	-1.34	1.96
Stwd Inc Dist	59.79	63.61†	-0.20	3.95
-do- Acc	73.37	78.05†	-0.24	3.95
N Am Stwd Dist	95.38	101.47†	+0.30	0.08
-do- Acc	100.90	107.34†	+0.32	0.08
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	128.20	137.20	-2.10	...
European	398.60	422.50	+2.10	0.94
Far East General	196.70	210.40	+2.00	0.31
Germany	99.04	104.90	+0.30	0.39
Global Assets In	65.35	69.81	+0.38	2.20
Global Assets Ac	68.47	73.14	+0.39	2.17
Income	109.90	117.60	-0.40	7.17
International	349.50	366.70	-0.50	0.98
Intl Income	76.77	81.42	+0.72	4.53
Japan General	314.00	332.80	+3.00	...
Smllr Cos Div	44.65	47.76	-0.14	6.35
UK Capital Inc	149.10	159.50	-0.40	4.13
-do- Acc	255.00	272.80	-0.70	4.03
Uk Spec Sits	69.36	74.19	-0.38	1.65
US General	109.00	116.20	-1.00	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	110.20	117.90	-0.40	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	41.78	44.68†	-0.22	1.30
Cash Trust*	127.43	127.43†	+0.02	5.08
Pract Inv Inc	100.26	107.52	-0.02	4.10
-do- Acc	214.05	229.54	-0.05	4.10
UK Smaller Cos	95.62	102.54	-0.39	1.65
Income Funds				
Preference Share	34.92	36.65†	+0.45	8.78
High Inc	30.45	32.57†	+0.15	5.56
UK Equity Inc	123.08	131.64†	+0.03	4.30
Global Bond	30.50	31.60	+0.34	5.44
International Funds				
Gold Intl	64.91	69.61	+0.61	1.68
Frontier Markets	40.85	43.81	+0.24	0.27
Global Inc Gth	119.65	127.76	+0.80	2.75
UK Intl	108.17	115.69	+0.27	0.95
Overseas Funds				
American	126.84	135.60	+0.70	0.60
European	81.36	86.28†	+0.25	0.90
Euro Sel Opps	93.97	99.94†	+0.50	1.26
American Emerg	73.82	79.16	+0.01	...
Hong Kong	104.96	112.56†	+1.59	1.95
Japan	168.92	179.82	+0.52	...
Pacific Growth	141.61	151.86	+2.05	0.51
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	118.33	126.56	+0.06	0.95
American Gth	115.95	124.01	-0.38	0.36
European Gth	68.88	73.67	-0.17	0.82
German Horizn	48.28	51.49	-0.13	0.92
Japan Gth	62.99	67.37	+0.17	...
Pacific Inc	126.54	135.34	+1.17	2.22
Pacific Strategy	103.80	111.02	-0.09	...
UK Prog Inc	71.29	75.15	-0.05	6.11
Gi British Cos	46.83	49.38	-0.44	2.00
UK Small Cos	43.88	46.93	-0.23	2.60
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	130.10	130.10	...	5.47
Gilt Fixed	121.20	128.60	-0.10	6.54
Growth Equity	275.00	293.80	-3.30	2.32
Guardhill	407.10	434.90†	-4.70	2.66
Income Trust	101.00	107.80	-1.30	3.98
International	149.20	159.40	-0.20	0.32
Japan Trust	101.50	108.40†	-0.80	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	251.80	269.00	+0.90	0.37
Pacific	330.40	352.90	+1.20	0.01
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	337.30	360.30	-0.10	0.64
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838568				
Global Adv Inc	33.53	35.55†	-0.20	1.80
-do- Acc	35.11	37.22	-0.20	1.80
Inc Adv Inc	28.77	30.50	-0.10	4.29
-do- Acc	29.65	31.43	-0.10	4.29
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	69.36	74.30	+0.41	0.74
Equity Income	106.80	113.60†	-1.40	3.77
European	134.10	141.80	-0.80	1.50
Intl Situation	71.66	76.23	+0.18	...
Japanese	113.70	120.90	-0.50	...
North American	100.50	106.60	+0.60	0.06
Scandinavian	103.10	108.90	-0.60	0.12
Smaller Cos	28.39	30.20†	+0.01	2.42
HENDERSON PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	84.86	90.75	-0.77	...
Asian Enterprise	117.23	125.79	+1.31	0.84
Australian	129.61	138.55	-0.55	1.38
European	357.75	378.95	-0.55	0.99
European Inc	68.36	72.31†	+0.22	3.07
Euro Smll Co	120.04	128.12	+1.13	0.80
Extra Income	251.71	267.96	-1.03	5.42
Family of Funds	66.13	70.63†	-0.18	1.27
Fixed Interest	55.78	59.64	+0.04	9.39
Global Resour	81.16	87.12†	+0.80	1.53
High Inc	269.24	287.81†	-1.23	4.68
Income Gth	225.45	240.52	-0.95	3.96
-do- Acc	568.34	605.27	-2.39	3.95
International	217.70	231.58	+1.21	0.85
Japan Spc Sit	188.74	200.63	+0.76	...
Japan	160.86	170.98†	-0.24	...
N Amer	223.01	237.29†	+1.86	0.15
Pacific Smllr Cos	161.31	173.61	+1.25	0.88
Pref Gth	46.15	50.16†	+0.08	9.28
Smaller Cos Div	154.15	168.01†	+0.14	4.39
Special Sits	345.28	362.44†	-1.32	1.51
-do- Acc	376.89	403.27†	-2.03	1.51
Best of British	54.00	57.86	-0.37	2.46
Spirit of the East	53.12	56.68	+0.47	0.75
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	84.32	90.18	-0.61	2.36
Capital	148.30	158.60†	-0.90	2.08
Dollar	302.40	323.40	+2.00	0.29
European	189.60	202.70	+0.90	0.57
Far East	227.10	242.80	+2.00	0.63
Financial	631.80	675.70	-6.20	2.65
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.91	26.91†	...	8.07
High Yield	96.59	103.30	-0.40	5.23
Income	129.00	137.90	-0.80	3.65
Intl	203.10	217.20†	+1.20	0.52
Japan Tech	54.48	58.26†	+0.18	...
Nat Resources	55.92	59.80	+0.10	0.90
Security	282.30	301.90	-1.80	2.21
Smaller Cos	101.80	108.80	-0.70	1.80
Special Sits	127.70	136.50†	-0.50	2.39
US Smaller Cos	61.16	65.41	...	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	245.20	258.10	+1.80	1.40
Capital Gwth	101.30	106.60	...	2.50
Inv Trusts	122.60	129.10	...	0.73
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	22.07	24.29†	-0.02	1.75
Special Features	25.91	27.52	-0.11	1.67
-do- Acc	30.38	32.27	-0.13	1.67
General Funds				
UK Growth	50.37	53.98	-0.34	2.42
Assets Earnings	67.33	71.53†	-0.36	2.08
do Acc	79.26	84.21†	-0.41	2.08
Managed Invest	79.88	85.36†	-0.04	1.40
Rupert Children	72.96	77.81	-0.40	1.80
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.12	50.12†	...	5.01
Extra Inc	76.05	81.49†	-0.18	5.67
Gilt	27.85	29.32	+0.11	7.02
Income Gth	36.87	39.43	-0.24	3.76
Mixstar	76.32	78.20	+0.17	8.60
Preference	17.99	19.24†	...	6.87
UK Income	296.30	316.80	-2.00	3.45
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	51.93	55.17	-0.15	1.54
Property Shares	55.98	59.47	-0.11	2.33
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	135.10	142.00	-1.00	4.54
European Acc	109.50	116.10	+0.10	2.06
European Dist	104.30	110.50	+0.10	2.06
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.69	51.78	+0.28	1.08
European Perf	106.20	112.70	+0.20	1.34
-do- Acc	108.20	114.80	+0.20	1.34
Euro Small Cos	20.15	21.50	+0.16	0.82
French Growth	68.38	72.84†	+0.55	0.58
-do- Acc	72.88	77.63†	+0.58	0.58
Hong K/China	64.84	69.71†	+1.47	1.34
Intl Growth	47.97	50.96	+0.05	0.86
-do- Acc	47.97	50.96	+0.05	0.86
Japan Perf	26.31	27.94	+0.02	...
Accum Units	26.31	27.94	+0.02	...
Japan Smllr Cos	28.66	30.43	-0.11	...
Singapore Asean	71.03	76.88	+0.48	0.58
-do- Acc	71.47	77.35	+0.48	0.58
South East Asia	209.70	226.00	+2.80	0.98
US Smllr Cos	106.00	112.60	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	107.10	113.70	+0.30	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	81.30	86.59	+0.14	2.80
Intl Bond	57.53	58.28†	+0.55	6.68
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.71	69.05†	+0.01	5.64
Extra Income	50.82	54.06	+0.66	7.12
Gilt Yield	119.70	126.20	-0.10	7.93
Global Income	191.30	203.50†	+1.70	4.20
High Yield	127.50	135.60	...	6.47
Smllr Cos Div	43.68	46.47†	-0.06	5.14
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	89.08	94.77	+0.50	...
North American	75.15	79.95	+0.26	0.44
European	129.30	137.60	+0.70	0.92
Euro Special	77.80	82.77	+0.91	1.00
General	254.70	271.00†	-0.40	3.51
Japan	324.60	343.30	+2.20	...
Japanese Special	177.30	188.60	+2.50	...
Master Acc	208.10	221.40	+0.40	1.49
Pacific	243.10	258.60	+3.10	0.51
Smaller Cos	92.68	98.60	+0.26	2.34
UK Equity Gth	32.61	34.69†	-0.83	2.45
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	72.19	76.80	-0.26	0.72
Extra Income	23.24	24.69	-0.23	3.55
Far East	23.21	24.69	+0.09	0.99
Income Gwth	70.39	74.88†	+0.11	3.12
Intl Growth	48.29	51.37	-0.09	1.02
Japan	51.80	55.11†	-0.06	...
Maximum Dist*	100.60	102.60†	...	8.15
N Amer Equity	39.46	41.98	+0.13	0.50
UK Equity	83.22	88.53	-0.63	2.97
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	51.31	54.59†	-0.18	4.87
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	410.20	436.40	-2.30	3.02
Equity Acc	772.40	821.70	-4.50	3.02
Equity Income	87.81	93.42†	+0.44	5.29
European	94.60	100.60†	+0.50	1.70
Far Eastern	160.90	171.20	+2.10	0.34
Fixed Interest	50.66	53.89	+0.04	8.00
Gilt	91.28	96.80	+0.06	6.80
Global Growth	61.96	65.91	+0.34	0.79
Intl Bond	57.95	61.65†	+0.84	5.40
Japanese	56.03	59.61	+0.09	...
Overseas Equity	89.60	95.32	+0.63	0.83
Pacific Gth	79.45	84.52	+1.43	1.33
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	307.00	326.70	-3.00	3.13
-do- Acc	665.10	707.60	-6.50	3.13
Conti Euro Gth	50.79	53.47	-0.31	1.38
-do- Acc	53.71	56.54	-0.33	1.38
Extra Inc	231.60	246.40	-2.10	4.17
-do- Acc	563.30	599.30	-5.10	4.17
German Gth	101.40	106.80	-0.40	0.18
-do- Acc	106.40	112.00	-0.40	0.18
Growth Port	471.50	501.70	-1.70	1.46
-do- Acc	471.50	501.70	-1.70	1.46
Income	432.40	460.00	-3.80	3.97
-do- Acc	1096.0	1166.0	-9.00	3.97
Income Port	479.10	509.50	-1.50	3.99
-do- Acc	479.10	509.50	-1.50	3.99
Japan Growth	76.62	81.52	-0.31	0.01
-do- Acc	76.89	81.80	-0.32	0.01
Master Trust	50.32	53.54	-0.02	1.38
-do- Acc	54.73	58.23	-0.02	1.38
N American Gen	178.90	190.40	+0.60	0.01
-do- Acc	206.60	219.80	+0.50	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	129.70	138.00	+3.10	0.01
-do- Acc	132.40	140.90	+3.20	0.01
Pacific Basin	193.40	205.80	+2.10	0.49
-do- Acc	204.40	217.50	+2.20	0.49
Small Cos Rec	286.80	301.90	-0.40	2.47
-do- Acc	369.90	389.40	-0.50	2.47
UK Growth	76.61	81.50	+0.80	2.50
-do- Acc	89.32	95.03	+0.94	2.50
Worldwide Gth	263.60	280.50	+0.50	0.30
-do- Acc	388.40	413.20	+0.50	0.30
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	74.72	80.17	-0.76	3.10
Income	58.50	62.77	-0.33	6.00
International	53.24	57.12	+0.05	0.80
American	58.38	62.64	+0.22	0.40
Japan	40.69	43.66	-0.03	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	52.59	56.43	-0.13	2.00
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	384.70	406.50†	+2.70	0.92
-do- Acc	474.60	501.60	+3.30	0.92
American Rec	395.40	418.10	-0.90	0.57
-do- Acc	452.40	478.40	-1.00	0.57
Am Sm Co Acc	112.90	120.80	+0.80	0.15
Australia Acc	137.10	144.90	+1.60	1.69
Capital	596.50	630.80†	-4.10	3.30
-do- Acc	658.20	696.10	-4.40	3.30
Commodity Acc	381.80	403.80	+0.30	1.35
Compnd Gth	769.90	814.20	-9.00	3.44
Dividend	32.20	34.40	-0.50	4.94
-do- Acc	125.40	134.10	-1.70	4.94
Equity Inc	274.30	290.10†	-1.80	5.74
European Div	56.40	60.30†	-0.20	5.11
-do- Acc	63.80	68.10	-0.20	5.11
European Gen	376.40	398.00	-1.00	1.56
-do- Acc	470.20	497.20	-1.20	1.56
Extra Yield	343.00	367.00	-4.80	5.21
-do- Acc	985.70	1054.6	-13.70	5.21
Far Eastern	260.50	275.50†	+2.10	1.47
-do- Acc	342.60	362.40	+2.70	1.47
Fund of Inv	478.60	506.10	-0.40	2.49
-do- Acc	863.60	913.20	-0.70	2.49
General	50.40	53.30	-0.50	4.08
-do- Acc	132.70	140.40	-1.50	4.08
Gilt Fxd Int	61.60	61.60†	+0.10	8.83
do Acc	152.00	152.20	+0.10	8.83
Gold	37.10	39.20†	+0.60	2.03
-do- Acc	43.40	45.80	+0.60	2.03
High Inc	23.00	24.30	-0.30	5.22
-do- Acc	85.20	90.00	-1.00	5.22
Intl Growth	64.50	68.40†	+0.20	1.18
-do- Acc	111.20	117.90	+0.30	1.18
Intl Inc	88.50	93.60	-0.20	5.32
Japan Gen Acc	40.70	43.10	-0.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	117.70	124.40	-0.40	...
Midland	48.90	52.30	-0.20	4.63
-do- Acc	154.50	165.30	-0.80	4.63
Recovery	33.10	35.40	-0.30	3.55
-do- Acc	52.00	55.60	-0.60	3.55
Second Gen	56.80	60.10	-0.20	4.00
-do- Acc	138.00	146.90	-0.70	4.00
Smaller Cos	55.40	58.60†	-0.10	3.80
-do- Acc	105.00	111.10	-0.10	3.80
Trustee	35.80	37.90	-0.20	4.42
Charibond 3	1110.89	...‡	+0.10	9.72
Charifund 2	592.40	598.40†	-5.50	5.35
Pension ex 1	821.80	842.40	-8.00	4.76
NAACIF Inc 3	145.00	...‡	...	7.92
-do- Acc 3	11059.2	...	+1.70	7.92
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 688066				
Inv Port Inc	129.20	138.10†	-0.22	2.64
-do- Acc	143.40	153.40†	-0.22	2.64
UK Income	105.90	113.20†	-0.70	3.25
-do- Acc	118.10	126.20†	-0.70	3.25
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	75.35	80.58†	+0.55	0.62
Far East (Pacific)	121.50	128.90	+0.80	0.79
Income Growth	69.15	73.40†	-0.75	4.41
European	64.86	68.95†	+0.22	2.01
Nth American	56.45	59.92	+0.19	1.21
UK Growth	73.42	77.94	-0.76	1.52
Intl Growth	85.74	91.01	+0.21	0.75
Charities	103.70	110.00†	-1.00	4.79
Intl Income	63.83	67.75	-0.24	4.47
Japan	41.03	43.55	+0.13	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2060				
American	186.10	197.40	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	198.80	211.00	+1.60	...
Cash	100.60	100.60	-0.10	6.34
-do- Acc	128.00	128.00	...	6.34
European Gth	190.20	201.90	-0.90	0.34
-do- Acc	203.60	216.10	-1.10	0.34
General	440.10	469.50	-5.20	2.77
-do- Acc	825.20	880.30	-0.50	2.77
Global Dist	136.00	142.90	...	5.45
-do- Acc	149.00	156.60	+0.80	5.45
Income	131.00	139.70†	-1.20	3.21
-do- Acc	191.70	204.50†	-1.70	5.21
International	358.30	381.50	+1.00	0.98
-do- Acc	475.30	506.10	+1.40	0.98
Japan	151.70	160.90†	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	155.70	165.10†	-0.60	...
New Europe	129.90	138.60†	+0.40	1.44
-do- Acc	132.00	140.80†	+0.30	1.44
Recovery	274.40	292.70	-0.80	2.40
-do- Acc	342.90	365.80	-1.00	2.40
European Inc	73.30	77.81	+0.31	3.02
-do- Acc	92.98	98.72	+0.41	3.02
Brit Blue Chip	69.01	73.45	-0.90	3.75
-do- Acc	80.80	86.01	-1.04	3.75
Portfolio	71.30	75.79	-0.49	3.16
-do- Acc	79.89	84.93	-0.55	3.16
Gold General	64.75	69.07	+0.97	3.51
-do- Acc	65.64	70.02	+0.98	3.51
Pacific	85.00	90.67	+0.92	0.55
-do- Acc	89.85	95.85	+0.98	0.55
UK Smaller Cos	47.69	50.87	-0.98	1.13
-do- Acc	53.03	56.57	-1.09	1.13
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 520 290. Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.12	60.02	+0.01	3.42
-do- Acc	56.12	60.02	+0.01	3.42
British Dist	73.93	79.07†	-0.43	2.36
-do- Acc	83.65	89.46	-0.49	2.36
European Gth	165.10	176.20	+0.10	0.21
-do- Acc	207.30	221.10	...	0.21
Extra High Inc	67.02	71.68	-0.02	6.61
-do- Acc	116.50	124.60	...	6.61
FT-SE 100 Index	46.51	49.74	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	46.51	49.74	-0.30	...
Gilt Fixed Int	56.60	58.98	+0.01	7.08
-do- Acc	146.90	153.10	...	7.08
High Yield	209.40	224.00	-0.60	5.25
-do- Acc	480.50	513.90	-1.40	5.25
Income	263.60	281.90†	-1.40	4.04
-do- Acc	548.00	586.10	-2.90	4.04
Japan Gth	270.20	289.00	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	285.20	305.00	+0.10	...
Mandarin Acc	92.83	99.28	+1.12	1.26
North American	163.40	174.80	+1.20	0.94
-do- Acc	205.40	219.70	+1.50	0.94
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	243.50	259.60†	+0.80	0.49
Deposit Inc	100.07	100.07†	...	5.16
Deposit Acc	121.31	121.31†	+0.01	5.16
Euro Gth Acc	251.70	269.00†	-0.50	...
Europa	114.60	123.40†	+0.10	...
Intl Gth	156.80	167.50	-0.20	...
Japan Tracker	60.00	63.57	-0.17	...
UK Equity Inc	138.30	148.80	-0.40	5.27
-do- Acc	166.50	179.20	-0.50	5.27
UK Ind Tracker	136.20	145.80†	-1.40	3.62
US Eq Ind Trkr	192.20	203.70	+0.60	1.27
-do- Acc	202.20	214.30	+0.60	1.27
Asian Trader	142.90	154.90	+1.30	1.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	169.30	173.20†	+0.20	2.71
European	59.27	60.70	-0.52	1.25
Olympiad	51.15	52.60†	+0.08	0.90
Global Bond	48.17	48.60†	+0.30	7.01
Smaller Cos	58.90	61.49	-0.06	1.92
Equity Income	88.58	91.07	-1.08	5.25
UK Growth	79.64	82.00	-0.89	1.84
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilites Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387738				
American Acc	47.08	50.21	+0.19	0.76
Australian Acc	285.90	306.70	+4.60	...
Conscience	62.35	66.54	-0.93	1.68
-do- Acc	66.95	71.45	+1.00	1.68
European	167.60	178.70	-0.50	1.23
-do- Acc	178.80	190.70	+0.60	1.23
Extra Income	70.07	74.78	-0.16	6.33
-do- Acc	105.30	112.30	-0.20	6.33
Far East Gth	146.20	156.20	+3.00	0.08
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.45	60.81	+0.03	7.58
Gold	29.24	31.44	+0.74	...
-do- Acc	31.49	33.86	+0.79	...
Income	49.72	53.03	-0.25	5.66
-do- Acc	149.10	159	-0.70	5.66
International	27.99	30.03	+0.15	0.90
-do- Acc	40.22	43.15	+0.22	0.90
Jap Sm Cos Acc	253.90	270.80	+1.10	...
S pore Mly Acc	152.80	163.80	-0.90	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.49	25.25	-0.08	2.02
Special Sits	30.98	33.31	-0.10	1.86
-do- Acc	35.36	38.02	-0.11	1.86
Tokyo	66.23	70.64	-0.14	...
-do- Acc	66.89	71.34	-0.15	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5522				
N&P UK Growth	64.99	69.14	-0.37	3.01
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.11	77.37	+0.17	6.97
N&P Higher Inc	177.40	188.70	-0.50	5.07
N&P UK Income	95.37	102.00	-0.51	4.24
N&P Intl	83.14	89.40	-0.01	2.22
N&P Smaller Cos	70.40	75.30	-0.47	1.87
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	154.85	164.74	-0.29	2.59
Global	260.96	277.62	+0.40	1.31
Growth	100.73	107.17	-0.36	2.50
Income	192.01	204.27†	-0.47	4.23
Intl Bond	128.15	136.37	-1.43	8.74
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577.				
Growth	131.30	140.30	-1.40	2.46
-do- Acc	230.90	243.00	-2.30	2.86
Income	208.90	222.20	-1.80	3.93
Intl Equity	206.80	220.00	-0.20	1.17
-do- Acc	226.40	240.80	-0.20	1.17
Equity	207.70	220.90	-2.10	2.72
-do- Acc	421.10	447.90	-4.30	2.72
UK Intl 25 Acc	65.32	69.49	-0.47	2.19
UK Income	56.75	60.37†	-0.54	3.49
UK Smllr Co Acc	66.95	71.23	-0.26	1.81
New Europe Acc	60.88	64.77	-0.37	1.67
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	84.23	90.09	+1.70	0.29
PEP Gth Inc	92.31	98.73	+0.26	1.46
Intl Gth	436.61	466.93	+6.21	0.75
Income	274.68	293.75	-1.87	4.09
W wide Recov	271.70	290.59	+1.45	1.25
American Gth	193.75	207.22	+2.18	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	168.88	180.63	+2.29	0.27
Far East Gth	180.01	192.53	+3.33	0.32
European Gth	108.88	116.45	+0.83	1.16
UK Growth	69.62	74.46	-0.29	3.20
High Income	75.73	81.00†	+0.07	4.90
Japanese Gth	163.36	174.28	+1.39	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	165.00	175.50	+0.10	0.93
High Income	104.20	110.80	-0.70	3.68
Conv Gilt	108.10	115.00†	+0.30	6.73
Far East	285.00	303.20	+3.10	0.19
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	48.47	51.56	+0.29	0.57
Emerging Mkts	59.25	63.03	+0.88	0.23
General	45.80	48.72	-0.30	3.51
International	80.67	85.82	+0.58	1.33
Gilt Units	25.40	26.19†	+0.01	8.12
Global PEP	34.14	36.32	+0.06	2.15
Income Gth	60.58	64.45†	-0.31	5.46
European	42.93	45.67	+0.24	1.16
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.46	27.09	-0.03	6.15
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst **	28.41	30.38†	+0.06	1.70
Pru Gth Fxd Inc	100.98	100.98†	+0.01	5.47
-do- Acc	104.04	104.04†	+0.01	5.47
Pru Equity	633.02	677.02	-3.25	2.90
Pru Equity Inc	76.82	82.16†	-0.25	4.61
Pru European	170.16	181.98	+0.66	1.85
Pru Global Gth	74.46	79.63†	-0.01	1.61
Pru High Inc	84.17	90.02	-0.15	5.70
Pru Intl	148.93	159.28†	+0.60	1.36
Pru Intl Sm Co	63.30	67.70	+0.24	0.95
Pru Japanese	145.67	155.79†	+0.07	...
Pru Nth Amer	140.26	150.01	+1.19	0.47
Pru Pacific Mkt	70.44	75.33†	+0.74	1.86
Pru Premr Inc	49.41	51.45†	...	7.44
Pru Smllr Cos	78.12	83.55	-0.15	2.07
Pru Spec Sits	93.90	100.42	-0.43	2.31
Pru UK Grwth	104.96	112.25†	-0.57	2.41
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
Income	148.08	159.29	-1.43	3.79
Japan	217.16	232.65	-0.49	...
Major UK Cos	89.61	96.37	-0.90	2.61
America Income	459.74	492.88	+2.91	0.58
-do- Acc	533.96	572.48	+3.38	0.58
Smllr UK Cos	246.27	268.13	+0.22	1.89
NC European Fd	248.80	265.19	+0.10	1.53
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	71.79	76.37	+0.42	4.00
Capital Units	136.40	145.10	-0.70	1.61
Commodity	95.30	101.30†	-0.90	1.32
European Gth	148.60	158.00	-1.10	1.46
Financial Sec	160.80	171.00	-2.20	2.08
High Return	204.40	217.40†	-1.30	5.00
High Yield	199.30	212.00	-1.20	4.26
Income Units	104.10	110.70†	-0.20	5.30
Investment	164.00	174.40	+0.10	1.51
Japan Gth	113.80	121.00	...	...
Japan Smaller	156.90	166.90	+1.10	...
Masterfund	43.55	46.32	-0.12	1.03
Scotbits	233.80	248.70†	-3.60	2.22
Scotshares	241.70	257.10	-1.30	2.80
Scotyields	212.20	225.70†	-2.70	4.12
Select Intl	122.60	130.40	-0.10	0.71
Smaller Cos	207.00	220.20	+0.10	4.66
Special Situation	104.40	111.00	-1.00	0.86
UK Equity	213.10	226.70†	-2.40	3.10
US Growth	137.20	145.90†	-0.30	0.31
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	237.33	253.15	+4.68	0.71
-do- Acc	256.40	273.49	+5.06	0.71
Australian	128.70	137.28†	+1.18	0.25
-do- Acc	150.81	160.86	+1.38	0.25
UK Enterprise	194.98	207.97†	-0.23	3.14
-do- Acc	225.23	240.24	-0.27	3.14
European Gth	60.69	64.73†	+0.12	1.34
-do- Acc	62.82	67.01	+0.13	1.34
Euro Smllr Cos	55.51	59.21†	+0.43	0.69
-do- Acc	55.89	59.62	+0.44	0.69
Far Eastern Gth	63.80	68.05†	+0.78	...
-do- Acc	64.92	69.24	+0.80	...
Fixed Interest	53.12	56.02	+0.04	8.70
-do- Acc	63.64	67.11	+0.05	8.70
Gilt Income	104.71	110.41	+0.02	8.55
-do- Acc	141.65	149.28	+0.03	8.55
Income	292.33	311.81	-0.70	4.60
-do- Acc	846.72	903.18	-2.01	4.60
Japan Enterprise	52.09	55.56	-0.13	...
-do- Acc	52.09	55.56	-0.13	...
Japan Smllr Cos	335.12	357.46†	+0.96	...
-do- Acc	335.79	358.17	+0.96	...
Pacific Gth	82.09	87.56†	+1.42	0.55
-do- Acc	84.65	90.29	+1.46	0.55
Smaller Cos	180.70	192.74†	-0.11	1.30
-do- Acc	207.09	220.89	-0.12	1.30
Tokyo	83.57	89.14	+0.02	...
-do- Acc	84.41	90.04	+0.02	...
UK Equity	195.52	208.55†	-0.38	3.30
-do- Acc	362.08	386.21	-0.70	3.30
US Smllr Cos	123.63	131.87	+0.82	...
-do- Acc	123.63	131.87	+0.82	...
World Fd	66.60	71.03†	+0.03	1.76
-do- Acc	70.28	74.96	+0.03	1.76
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	41.78	44.50	-0.32	4.38
Equity Strategy	60.60	64.54	-0.53	1.92
European Opps	70.69	75.28	-0.36	1.22
Maximum Inc	97.70	100.30	+0.01	5.66
UK Smaller Cos	47.37	50.45	-0.12	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	328.90	351.90	-2.00	3.11
American	243.40	258.50	-1.00	1.01
Pacific	288.20	308.20	+1.60	0.87
European	448.60	470.80	-2.30	1.29
Worldwide	74.86	80.06	-0.04	1.42
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	293.10	311.90	-2.90	2.95
UK Sm Cos Eqty	190.60	202.80	+0.30	2.79
European	322.30	342.90	-1.30	1.80
North American	244.00	260.60	+1.50	0.56
Income Plus Inc	62.14	66.11	-0.98	4.01
UK Spec Sits	63.35	67.40	-0.34	2.57
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.21	25.91	-0.24	1.36
Intl Growth Acc	26.96	28.86	-0.02	1.21
Global Inc Acc	29.99	32.10	-0.03	4.12
Market Ldrs Acc	24.96	26.72†	-0.28	3.16
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	80.19	85.76	-0.31	...
Euro Spec Sits	42.80	45.48	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	45.31	48.16	-0.21	...
Far East Opps	29.79	31.90	+0.35	...
-do- Acc	30.61	32.78	+0.36	...
General Growth	95.19	102.00†	-0.50	2.46
Global Tech	115.40	124.70	-2.20	...
Income Growth	95.85	103.10†	-0.40	4.02
Income Monthly	55.42	59.27	+0.15	5.31
Japan Growth	64.77	69.95	-0.42	...
Overseas Gth	71.85	76.48	-0.05	...
Smaller Cos	68.14	73.26	-0.54	1.94
Special Opps	95.11	102.20†	-0.20	2.05
Wld Spec Sits	43.68	47.05†	+0.06	...
-do- Acc	43.78	47.16†	+0.06	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	42.05	44.68	-0.30	1.91
Equity Gth Acc	56.86	60.42	-0.50	1.22
UK Eq General	40.76	43.31	-0.30	2.41
-do- Acc	53.48	56.83	-0.40	2.41
European Acc	40.67	43.22	-0.10	1.31
Far East Acc	47.44	50.41	-0.10	0.33
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.50	32.26	...	6.53
N American Acc	43.39	46.11	-0.20	0.79
O'rs Lgr Cos Acc	252.50	274.00	-0.60	1.76
UK Eq High Inc	33.93	36.06	-0.40	3.93
-do- Acc	39.74	42.23	-0.40	3.93
UK Lgr Cos Inc	279.80	303.60	-1.80	3.85
UK Lgr Cos Acc	359.80	390.40	-2.40	3.85
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$33.35	NZ$33.55	...	1.11
US Eq	$1.934	$2.054	...	0.74
Far East Eq	Y194.7	Y206.8	...	...
Japan Eq	Y199.3	Y211.7	...	...
FT Europe	111.50	118.40	...	1.69
FT North Am	$1.601	$1.764	...	0.91
FT Japan	Y194.6	Y206.0	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	114.20	121.30	...	1.46
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	344.10	365.40	+3.00	0.29
British	905.40	957.90	-3.50	4.71
European	377.70	402.30	-2.50	1.59
Japan	120.00	127.70	+0.30	...
New Pacific	284.50	303.00	+1.80	1.37
Mngd Cash	95.98	95.98	...	5.39
Majority Stg	100.16	101.16	+0.01	5.27
Inv Tst	177.20	187.80	-0.40	2.04
Saints PPP	366.00	385.30	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	698.00	746.50†	-4.10	2.52
N America Acc	108.80	116.40†	+0.60	0.07
Far East Acc	108.90	116.50†	+0.50	...
W wide Bond	63.43	67.34	+0.69	5.40
European	80.51	86.11	+0.42	0.60
Equity Income	77.88	83.39	-0.45	4.08
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.95	36.32	+0.37	0.83
Managed Assets	113.71	121.62	-0.66	3.78
UK Income	35.00	37.44	-0.36	4.05
UK Growth	34.81	37.24	-0.39	3.00
Worldwide Gth	28.66	30.66	...	0.64
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	198.04	210.68	-0.29	0.25
-do- Acc	217.52	231.40	+0.32	0.25
British Gth	81.29	86.48	-0.49	2.39
-do- Acc	94.86	100.91	-0.58	2.39
European	90.31	96.07†	+0.32	1.24
-do- Acc	95.26	101.34†	+0.35	1.24
Extra Inc	176.88	188.17†	+1.01	4.39
-do- Acc	282.13	300.14†	+1.61	4.39
General Units	249.43	265.35†	-1.77	2.71
-do- Acc	492.18	523.59†	-3.50	2.71
Income	309.35	328.99	-1.76	4.00
-do- Acc	629.90	670.11	-3.57	4.00
International	466.77	496.56	+1.13	0.59
-do- Acc	610.14	649.09	+1.49	0.59
Pacific	317.06	337.30	+3.38	0.05
-do- Acc	332.06	353.25	+3.54	0.05
Premier Income	50.52	52.62†	+0.05	7.14
-do- Acc	103.74	108.06†	+0.10	7.14
Nat Resources	92.21	98.10	+0.91	0.96
-do- Acc	101.12	107.57	+0.99	0.96
Selected Opps	88.95	94.63	-0.47	1.29
-do- Acc	111.08	118.17	-0.59	1.29
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	120.40	128.70	-0.20	0.24
Australia	7.031	7.520†	-0.070	1.06
Equity	174.50	186.70	-1.10	4.57
Euro Spec Sits	140.90	149.60	+0.90	0.58
Financial	37.39	40.00	-0.10	3.03
Global Opps Inc	85.06	90.83	+0.09	2.22
-do- Acc	88.16	94.14	+0.09	2.22
Gold Gen Inc	41.20	44.00	+0.60	1.00
-do- Acc	78.60	84.00	+1.10	1.00
Income	113.80	121.90	-0.50	5.06
Japan General	123.60	131.40	-0.10	...
Preference	21.88	23.50†	+0.10	7.72
UK Capital	98.45	105.30†	-0.70	3.20
Worldwide Cap	189.80	202.70†	-0.60	3.17
World Income	80.75	86.04†	-0.30	3.53
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Smt Cos	70.69	75.40†	+0.58	...
-do- Acc	72.91	77.77†	+0.59	...
Cash	51.34	51.34	+0.01	6.24
-do- Acc	61.10	61.10	+0.01	6.24
European Opps	61.63	65.66	+0.46	0.45
-do- Acc	62.27	66.35	+0.48	0.45
Far East Opps	136.66	145.77	+1.28	0.67
-do- Acc	139.84	149.16	+1.30	0.67
Gold/Nat Res	37.73	40.24†	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	38.81	41.39†	+0.62	...
Japan	63.59	67.72	-0.09	...
-do- Acc	63.53	67.72	-0.09	...
Little Dragons	64.73	69.04	+0.72	0.72
-do- Acc	66.40	70.82	+0.74	0.72
Oriental Income	40.23	42.91	+0.48	3.71
-do- Acc	50.77	54.15	+0.59	3.71
Tiger	205.65	219.36	+1.92	1.20
-do- Acc	215.12	229.46	+2.03	1.20
UK Small Cos	67.50	72.19†	-0.24	2.26
-do- Acc	78.62	84.08†	-0.27	2.26
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	215.60	220.00	-1.70	4.58
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	11.22	11.93	+0.16	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.84	31.74	+0.34	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.56	38.89	-0.65	0.10
Global Bond	$0.964	$1.004	-0.001	7.20
Penny Share	20.25	21.54	-0.01	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.21	52.21	+0.01	5.83
Gilt Growth	65.52	68.20	+0.03	...
Gilt Income	52.62	54.76	+0.01	8.00
Short Dtd Gilt	109.80	111.20	...	4.47
US Govrnmt Bd	$0.712	$0.721	+0.000	...
Challenger	90.77	95.95	+0.50	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0705 388046				
Stockmarket Fd	64.47	68.58	-0.25	2.22

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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Germany attacks steel rivals over state subsidies

BY TOM WALKER AND COLIN NARBROUGH

■ Britain argues swingeing cuts must avoid British Steel, which has reduced its workforce to 45,000 from 250,000, and should focus on Germany, Spain and Italy

THE German steel industry, Europe's biggest, will today fire a broadside at Italy and Spain for allowing their big state-controlled steelmakers to continue to operate, though effectively bankrupt.

The bitter German attack will accompany an attempt by European Community industry ministers to agree on the most radical reshape in a decade of Europe's beleaguered steel industry. Ministers are holding a "crisis council" in Brussels to consider a £700 million rescue package from the Commission and massive jobs cuts.

Italy's steelmakers last night made a pre-emptive attack on the German accusations of inefficency, noting that Klöckner, the German steel firm forced to seek court protection from its creditors in December, was still operating.

Ekostahl, the east German mill, is furthermore not economically viable and should have been closed, the Federacciai, the Italian steel association, said.

Germany could lose 40,000 steel jobs over the next four years, from a Community total nearing 100,000. Angered at the prospect of bearing the brunt of the adjustment, Germany's mainly private sector steel firms have decided to launch offensives against their state-controlled rivals in the EC and eastern Europe.

Calculations by the German steel industry show that Ilva, the Italian steel group, lost DM3 billion in the last two years, with 1992 losses running at the equivalent of 20 per cent of turnover. The smaller CSI steel holding group of Spain lost DM2.5 billion over the past 2 years, with 1992 losses equal to 30 per cent of turnover. Ilva produces about 11 million tonnes of crude steel a year, CSI about 5 million.

Klöckner was forced to seek court protection despite a loss/turnover ratio of only 9 per cent last year. But German steelmakers are calling for "unfair" competition from state-owned steel firms in Eastern Europe to be brought under control too, preferably through export quotas. Thousands of German steelworkers downed tools for an hour and a half in the Ruhr town of Duisburg yesterday in protest over plans to cut jobs.

Tim Sainsbury, the industry minister, will signal that any rationalisation plan must not include swingeing cuts at British Steel, which has already borne massive layoffs. The former nationalised BS employed a quarter of a million worker in the seventies. Today, the workforce is down to 45,000. Steel production has been reduced to about 16.3 million tonnes.

Britain wants cuts focused on Spain, Italy and, importantly, Germany. British officials note that German industry is haemorrhaging money; the Krupp-Hoesch combine is losing DM1 million a day and its rival Thyssen DM3 million. Mr Sainsbury will question plans by Spain to replace aging mills with a new plant in the Basque region, effectively negating capacity cuts.

The EC's special steel envoy, Fernand Braun, has talked to every leading steel company in Europe and impressed upon them the need to cut capacity by 30 million tons in crude steel and 20 million tons in rolled products to bring output back in line with demand. But so far, there are firm commitments by the industry to meet only about a third of Mr Braun's demands.

Meanwhile, Britain opposes plans to place quotas on imports of eastern European steel products for three years.

Renault to go alone on van project

Renault, the state-controlled French carmaker, has agreed with the administrative receivers of DAF and its British offshoot Leyland DAF to take sole control of the Renault-DAF "Excel" van project.

Under the deal, Renault will provide continued work for two thirds of the 300-strong British engineering team, currently based at Washwood Heath, Birmingham, but only for a limited period.

The agreement means that no vehicle production is likely in Britain. But 190 members of the UK engineering team will be offered work for three to nine months, after which they may be able to relocate to France.

Matsushita head quits

Akio Tanii, the president of Matsushita Electric, has unexpectedly resigned, saying he was taking responsibility for Matsushita's involvement in a lending scandal last year.

Analysts, however, believe he is being partly blamed for a 76 per cent fall in consolidated net profit to Y12.6 billion (£74.5 million) in the final quarter of 1992.

Payout held

Fairway Group, the supplier of computer and stationery, is maintaining its annual dividend at 3.15p, with a proposed unchanged final payout of 2.15p. But pre-tax profits fell to £1.51 million (£1.77 million) in the year to end-December on turnover up to £29.3 million (£19.8 million).

Tops issue

Tops Estates, the retail property investment group, is seeking £15.6 million via an issue of 7.5 per cent convertible unsecured loan stock, at 100p per pound nominal of stock.

Ofgas revises its evidence to MMC

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

OFGAS, the gas industry regulator, has been forced to revise its evidence to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission over British Gas's rate of return on its pipeline assets.

Ofgas submitted its new evidence last month and has not yet decided whether to make it public. Its initial evidence, made public in December, was subject to criticism from British Gas, City analysts, industrialists and academics.

A spokesman for Ofgas confirmed it had been asked to provide further evidence to the MMC.

Bill Hetherington, assistant director of competition and tariffs at Ofgas, said the regulator was asked to clarify and elaborate on its evidence by the MMC. He said Ofgas received "a lot of constructive comment" from the City, industry and academics, including some new research that took a fresh approach to the debate over capital asset pricing and had thrown new light on it.

In its first evidence Ofgas argued that British Gas should make a return of 2.5 to 5 per cent on transporting its own and other companies gas through its pipelines.

That compares with the present 4.5 per cent rate of return imposed by Ofgas in 1989 and British Gas claims that it needs 6.7 per cent to maintain and improve its network.

Despite the criticism over the rate of return figure, Mr Hetherington said the revised evidence did not change Ofgas's conclusions drastically.

BZW described the first Ofgas evidence as "a very poor effort" and predicted that British Gas would not have too much problem pulling it to pieces before the MMC.

Merrill Lynch said: "Ofgas has not been rigorous in its approach and has strewn figures around without indicating which ones are critical." It could see "no logical and/or concise argument for the final conclusion derived that an appropriate cost of capital is between 2.5 to 5 per cent."

The MMC is due to complete its work at the end of April and will rule then on the rate of return.

Profits fall at Alfred McAlpine

BY CARL MORTISHED

SHARES in Alfred McAlpine fell 5 per cent to 131p on news of a final dividend cut from 5.8p to 3.5p and a fall in pre-tax profits for the year to end-October from £9.3 million to £5.6 million. The profit comes after exceptional costs of £2 million relating to closures and redundancies. The total dividend is 6.5p compared with 10.3p. Earnings per share fell from 14.1p to 5.1p.

Construction made an operating loss of £1.3 million, after a fall in turnover from £395 million to £344 million. Housing brought in £2.6 million with minerals and American operations both contributing £1.9 million. McAlpine sold 1,259 units at an average £81,000, which is likely to rise to £83,000 this year.

Borrowings were £28 million at year-end and net assets £170 million. Net debt is set to rise to an average £65 million in 1993, due to the buy-in of a minority interest in the Homes Division for £5.5 million and a £14 million cash outflow into construction.

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PETER TRIEVNOR



Bigger slice of the cake: Michael Heseltine is encouraging companies to set up employee share ownership plans

ProShare to play role in BT offer

BY GEORGE SIVELL CITY EDITOR

PROSHARE, the body that took over the cause of small shareholders from the Wider Share Ownership Council, intends to play a part in the forthcoming BT3 share offer.

Geoffrey Maddrell, chief executive, said ProShare intended to offer "advice and after-sales service", as well as teach people what "shareholding is all about". The intention was "to lead people to the market".

Mr Maddrell said ProShare was talking to the Securities and Investments Board about "a new breed of advisers". Investors "wanted to get information from someone who was not working for a commission". He pointed to US merchant banks' practice of working for fees rather than commissions as the direction the UK was likely to take.

ProShare yesterday celebrated its first birthday, with Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary. The occasion was used to launch ProShare's company services division, which will encourage private investors and help companies to set up employee share ownership schemes.

Research by ProShare shows that executive share option schemes have been adopted by 97 per cent of large companies and 82 per cent of smaller ones. This compares with the 37 per cent of large companies and 16 per cent of small ones that have adopted employee profit sharing schemes. The equivalent figures for save as you earn share option schemes are 80 per cent and 30 per cent.

More than 57 per cent of companies want to increase the number of individual shareholders.

United Biscuits bags Phileas Fogg

BY CARL MORTISHED

A STORY of unlikely success in the wreckage of a northern industrial town opened a new chapter yesterday when Derwent Valley Foods, owner of the Phileas Fogg snack business, was sold to United Biscuits for £24 million.

The company, which employs 300 people on the site of a former steelworks Medomsley Road in Consett, Co Durham, making tortilla chips and mignon morceaux, made profits of £2 million last year on sales of £24 million. It has borrowings of £3 million.

David Hearn, managing director of KP Foods Group, UB's snack division, said the strong Phileas Fogg brand would benefit from the financial and distribution muscle of KP. Derwent's premium-priced product, with its distinctive packaging based on the Jules Verne character, is aimed at adults, unlike most snack foods, and sold mainly in supermarkets.

But KP believes it can expand sales beyond the chattering classes, through its network of distribution to newsagents, small retailers and public houses. The sale is subject to approval by the Office of Fair Trading but Mr Hearn is confident that Derwent's small market share will not raise competition issues. UB has about 40 per cent of the snack market.



Snapped up: UB will take Fogg into new markets

The deal marks the climax of a spectacular sales and marketing success story for Roger McKechnie, who set up the business in 1982 with seed capital of £235,000 from 3i, the venture capital group, and government grants of £100,000. The product took off almost instantly, with sales in the first six months of £500,000 and a £60,000 profit the second year.

According to David Williams of 3i, Derwent is its biggest success to date in start-up businesses. The venture fund liked the team because it was experienced — Mr McKechnie was formerly a marketing director at Tudor Crisps and Ray McGhee, a partner, had an advertising background.

Over the period, 3i pumped about £2 million into the company and the value of its 25 per cent stake has grown 60 per cent a year over the past 11 years.

The Phileas Fogg brand has crossed the Irish Sea and penetrated France and Australia but has yet to make it around the world. Expansion in Britain is expected to be followed by investment on the Continent and America. Mr McGhee notes that the company's £1 million annual spend on advertising is equivalent to what KP probably spends on one product in a year.

Messrs McKechnie and McGhee and their partners, John Pike and Keith Gill, are taking £9 million in United Biscuit shares and the rest in cash. Mr McKechnie stands to earn £7 million from the sale of his 32 per cent stake. He is to join the board of KP.

Mr Hearn of KP is keen to emphasise that Derwent is to be run by its present management as an independent business. Mr McKechnie believes the new owner will support the existing operations in Consett, whose success has acted as a magnet for other new businesses since the collapse of the steelworks.

The employees also stand to benefit from their shares, offered in lieu of cash bonuses in the early days when money was tight. A savings-related share scheme has added to the employee stake, which now totals 5 per cent.

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LEGAL NOTICES

B G M Properties Limited
Registered Number: 2624671.
Nature of business: Hoteliers.
Trade classification: 47 & 48.
Date of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 17 February 1993.
Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: Barclays Mercantile Business Finance Limited.
Joint Administrative Receivers: S V Freakley & I P Phillips, (office holder nos: 8291 & 2636) of: Peachey Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF.

CYMANTIX LIMITED
Registered number: 02404657.
Nature of business: Other Manufactures. Trade classification: 11.
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 9th February 1993.
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Anders Electronics Plc.
Administrative Receiver: Phillip Anthony Roberts (office holder no: 006033). Address: Cassons Beckman & Partners Hobson House 155 Gower Street, London WC1E 6BJ.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF FORDHAM THERMAL SYSTEMS CO. LTD.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 10th March 1993 at The Old Rectory, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Herts. SG8 5BB at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London. EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 10th day of February 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Yolande Van Tilburg,
DIRECTOR.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.124(1) NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE
PETER WILLIAM GEORGE PATTEN
High Court No. 11823 of 1992
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Melvyn Laurence Rose FCA of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Lidgate House, 252 Kingsbury Road, London, NW9 0BS was appointed Trustee of Peter William George Patten on 16 February 1993.
Dated this 19 day of February 1993.
Melvyn L. Rose, Trustee.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DIVIDEND
In the matter of
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
and in the matter of
ABERDEEN PACKAGERS (SCOTLAND) LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that it is my intention to declare a first dividend to unsecured non-preferential creditors of the above-named company no later than 1 July 1993. Creditors who have not yet done so are required, on or before 30 June 1993, to send their proofs of debt to the undersigned, John Perry Rich, and Christopher Morris of Touche Ross & Co., Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP, the Joint Liquidators of the company and, if so requested, to provide such further details or produce such documentary or other evidence as may appear to the Liquidators to be necessary. A creditor who has not proved his debt before the date mentioned above is not entitled to disturb, by reason that he has not participated in it, the first dividend or any other dividend declared before his debt is proved.
Date: 19th February 1993.
I FRANSEE, LIQUIDATOR.

THE PETTERESSO COMPANY LIMITED
Company Number: 2053611
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. Notice is hereby given pursuant to s.175 of the Companies Act 1985 that:-
1. The above named company has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase.
2. The amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £45000 and the resolution approving such payment out of capital was passed on 17 February 1993.
3. The statutory declaration of the directors and the auditors report required by s.173 of the said Act are available for inspection at the company's registered office at Brierley House Nursery Home, 22 Hemlington Road, Stainton, Middlesbrough, TS8 9AL.
4. Any creditor of the company may at any time within five weeks immediately following 17 February 1993 apply to the court under s.176 of the said Act for an order prohibiting the payment.
George Adams, Director.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CEDA (UK) LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, David John Mason of Morton Thornton & Co., Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Ceda (UK) Limited by a resolution of the meeting of creditors held on 18th February 1993.
DATED this 19 day of February 1993
David John Mason, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
LANTERN RESTAURANT (BUSHEY) LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Colin Shuttleworth of Shuttleworth & Co., 20 Hillcrest, Loughton, Essex, IG10 2PS, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the Creditors on 18th February 1993.
Dated this 23rd day of February 1993.
J.C. Shuttleworth, Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
ROMA TRANSPORT LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Colin Shuttleworth of Shuttleworth & Co., 20 Hillcrest, Loughton, Essex, IG10 2PS, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the creditors on 18th February 1993.
Dated this 23rd day of February 1993.
J.C. Shuttleworth, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In the matter of WEST COAST VIDEO DUPLICATING (UK) LTD
Notice is hereby given that G C A Morphitis of Cape and Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH, was appointed Liquidator of the above companies on 12th February 1993.
GCA Morphitis, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
WINTER WORLD LIMITED
- In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation -
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Raymond Hocking, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 19 February 1993. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated: 22 February 1993
R Hocking, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
STONEWELL PRESERVATION LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, David John Mason of Morton Thornton & Co., Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Stonewell Preservation Limited by a resolution at the meetings of creditors held on 17th February 1993.
DATED this 19 day of February 1993
David John Mason, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
BAYON LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co., Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Bayon Limited by the Secretary of State on 3rd February 1993.
DATED this 18th day of February 1993
Nigel John Hamilton-Smith, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
A.P.S. RECRUITMENT SERVICES LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 19th February 1993.
Dated this 23rd day of February 1993.
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
SWANSEA COUNTY COURT
NO. 172 OF 1992
MICHAEL DALE ROWLAND
BANKRUPT
In accordance with Rule 6.124 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, We, David L Morgan and Peter H Bendall of Touche Ross & Co., P O Box 810, Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP, give notice that we were appointed Joint Trustees in Bankruptcy of the above on 29 January 1993.
David Llewellyn Morgan
Peter H Bendall
Joint Trustees in Bankruptcy

THE BRITISH RAILWAYS BOARD

hereby give advance notice in accordance with Section 54 of the Transport Act 1962, that they plan, subject to the provisions of Section 56 of the Act, to withdraw the passenger train services from Dover Western Docks Station, and from the lines between Archcliffe Junction and Dover Western Docks, and between Hawkesbury Street Junction and Dover Western Docks, in the County of Kent.

British Railways Board
Euston House
23 Eversholt Street
London NW1 1DZ

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DECLARE A DIVIDEND
RED & GREEN BOOKS LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 11.2(1A) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the liquidator of the above-named company intends paying a dividend to creditors. The creditors of the company are required, on or before 22nd March 1993 to establish their proofs of debt to the undersigned Ian Frances of 26 Cardiff Place, London W2 1EP the liquidator of the company, and, if so requested, to provide such further details or produce such documentary or other evidence as may appear to the liquidator to be necessary. A creditor who has not proved his debt before the date mentioned above is not entitled to disturb, by reason that he has not participated in it, the first dividend or any other dividend declared before his debt is proved.
Date: 19th February 1993.
I FRANSEE, LIQUIDATOR.

THE PETTERESSO COMPANY LIMITED
Company Number: 2053611
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. Notice is hereby given pursuant to s.175 of the Companies Act 1985 that:-
1. The above named company has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase.
2. The amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £45000 and the resolution approving such payment out of capital was passed on 17 February 1993.
3. The statutory declaration of the directors and the auditors report required by s.173 of the said Act are available for inspection at the company's registered office at Brierley House Nursery Home, 22 Hemlington Road, Stainton, Middlesbrough, TS8 9AL.
4. Any creditor of the company may at any time within five weeks immediately following 17 February 1993 apply to the court under s.176 of the said Act for an order prohibiting the payment.
George Adams, Director.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CEDA (UK) LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, David John Mason of Morton Thornton & Co., Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Ceda (UK) Limited by a resolution of the meeting of creditors held on 18th February 1993.
DATED this 19 day of February 1993
David John Mason, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
LANTERN RESTAURANT (BUSHEY) LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Colin Shuttleworth of Shuttleworth & Co., 20 Hillcrest, Loughton, Essex, IG10 2PS, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the Creditors on 18th February 1993.
Dated this 23rd day of February 1993.
J.C. Shuttleworth, Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
ROMA TRANSPORT LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Colin Shuttleworth of Shuttleworth & Co., 20 Hillcrest, Loughton, Essex, IG10 2PS, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the creditors on 18th February 1993.
Dated this 23rd day of February 1993.
J.C. Shuttleworth, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In the matter of WEST COAST VIDEO DUPLICATING (UK) LTD
Notice is hereby given that G C A Morphitis of Cape and Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH, was appointed Liquidator of the above companies on 12th February 1993.
GCA Morphitis, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
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Dated: 22 February 1993
R Hocking, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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IN LIQUIDATION
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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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IN LIQUIDATION
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The Insolvency Act 1986
A.P.S. RECRUITMENT SERVICES LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
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Dated this 23rd day of February 1993.
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
SPEED 3157 LIMITED
(FORMERLY CLARKE MOOPER CONSULTING LIMITED)
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Speed 3157 Limited will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on 12 March 1993 at 11 am. The Receivers' report will be presented to the meeting, and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the administrative receivers at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with Insolvency Rules 1986. Copies of the Receivers' report will be provided free of charge to all creditors who ask the Receivers for a copy at the above address.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the administrative receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 23 day of February 1993.
A J Barrett
Joint Administrative Receiver

VINCENT LONNRO PERMING SALON LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Friday, the 5th day of March, 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 of the said Act.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 18th day of February 1993.
V. SMITH, Director.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Church Pastoral Aid Society
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference DDY/244700A/11CD (Ldn3). Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

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Hereby give advance notice in accordance with Section 54 of the Transport Act 1962, that they plan, subject to the provisions of Section 56 of the Act, to withdraw the passenger train service from Dover Western Docks Station, and from the lines between Archcliffe Junction and Dover Western Docks, and between Hawkesbury Street Junction and Dover Western Docks, in the County of Kent.
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CONTRACTS & TENDERS

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS TO INDIVIDUAL LCC PREMISES
ESTIMATED ANNUAL QUANTITY OF UP TO 97.5 MILLION k wh (3.3 MILLION THERMS)
Applications are invited for the supply of natural gas to Lancashire County Council premises within Lancashire.
Further details of the contract scope and duration can be obtained on request in writing not later than 12 March 1993 from:-
Energy Management Group,
Department of Property Services, P O Box 26, County Hall, Preston, Lancashire PR1 8RE.

THE TIMES THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25 1993

New York antique dealer casts an eye over Mallett

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

NEWEL Art Galleries, of New York, which claims to be the world's largest fine antiques dealer, is believed to be buying shares in Mallett, the 128-year-old furniture expert in London's Old Bond Street.

Bruce Newman, Newel president and a member of the family that founded it, declined to comment yesterday on whether he had bought or is buying shares of Mallett, which has the been the subject of takeover speculation.

He said: "I do not want to comment on that. I can only say that a merger of sorts between our firm and Mallett would be ideal; a cordial one not an adversarial one. I would not want that at all.

"Our two companies would do very very well in certain situations together and hopefully they're still interested."

Fine jeweller Asprey, run by Naim Attallah, disclosed in December that it had bought a 6.8 per cent stake in Mallett and was believed to be ambitious to own the rest. Mr Newman said: "Mallett's is a very fine firm. I think it would be out of order for anybody to take them over and change the management because the complexion of our decorative arts and antique business is such that the inventory and the business reflect the personality of the people running it."

Mallett, 29 per cent-owned by House of Fraser, suffered sharp losses in the past few years from the recession and the lack of American buyers which had accounted for 45 per cent of its business.

Earlier this month, Mallett said the fine art market had improved in the final three months of last year, and that it would make a pre-tax profit of not less than £500,000 for the whole of last year.

Wickes revives to £6m

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

THE recovery continued at Wickes as a strong performance from the retail business and lower interest costs helped the do-it-yourself retailer and timber group to pre-tax profits of £6.57 million in the year to end-December.

This compares with a loss of £6.72 million last time, but the City was a little disappointed at the results, which were towards the lower end of expectations. Turnover rose to £548 million (£543 million).

Organic growth and new stores helped UK retail profit before tax rise 25 per cent to £19.5 million, while continental retail profit advanced 51 per cent.

Group debt declined by £36 million to £73.2 million. Gearing fell to 94 per cent, against 232 per cent last time. Interest payments were trimmed to £13 million (£16.8 million).

There was an exceptional property profit of £786,000 and reorganisation costs of £1.98 million. There was also an extraordinary gain of £2.01 million. Earnings stood at 1.9p a share, against a loss of 2.1p last time. Again, there is again no dividend.

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STOCK MARKET

Speculation over ICI plans sets share price swinging

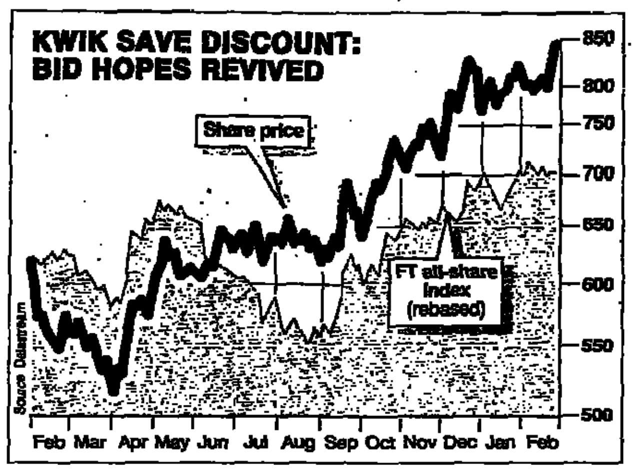
SHARES in **ICI** fluctuated wildly as *Sir Denys Henderson*, chairman, continued to keep City investors on tenterhooks ahead of today's crucial full-year figures.

In late trading, which saw fewer than 2 million shares change hands, the price closed 8p higher at £10.82, after hitting a low for the day of £10.48 as investors continued to speculate about the proposed demerger.

There was talk in the market that the results — which are expected to show pre-tax profits diving from £843 million to about £550 million — will be accompanied by a rights issue. Dealers say the group has been sounding out underwriters about a one-for-seven cash call at 950p, to raise about £1 billion. The money could be used to reduce debt, strengthen the balance sheet and avoid cutting the dividend. A lower payout would upset fund managers being asked to support the proposed demerger of Zeneca, ICI's pharmaceutical interests. A timetable for the demerger is expected today.

The speculation surrounding ICI dominated sentiment in the rest of the market. Investors were cautious, and reluctant to open new positions. This was reflected in the FT-SE 100 index, which traded within narrow limits for much of the session, and closed 1.0 points down at 2,817.0. Turnover was below 600 million shares.

Fisons eased 3p to 225p, amid suggestions that a line of 5 million shares was being passed round the market. **SmithKline Beecham A** jumped 16p to 440p, on further consideration of Tuesday's figures.



British Aerospace rose 13p to 265p, helped by a better than expected final dividend and a trading statement indicating that the group had begun to sort out its problem areas. Last year, British Aerospace saw losses soar from £112 million to £1.2 billion after a £1 billion charge for restructuring the civil aircraft division. The total dividend was cut from 25p to 7p.

British Steel attracted much-needed institutional support, hardening 1½p to 76½p after a visit by brokers to its works at Scunthorpe. Warburg Securities is apparently telling clients it has become more positive about prospects; Kleinwort Benson, too, is less pessimistic about the outlook.

Revived bid speculation lifted **Kwik Save**, the supermarket chain, 14p to 842p: the word was that Hong Kong's Dairy Farm was preparing to make an offer. Last month, Dairy Farm lifted its holding in Kwik Save to 28.06 per cent.

Guardian Royal Exchange, up 6p at 186p, stood out among the insurance composites. Brokers said a buyer of 5 million shares had been stalking the market, but may have met with only limited success. By the close, 9.3 million shares had changed hands.

There was little knock-on effect on the rest of the insurers. **Commercial Union** closed 2p firmer at 575p, and **Sun Alliance** 1p up at 319p. There were losses for **General Accident**, 6p down at 567p, and **Royal Insurance**, 2p lower at 285p.

Owners Abroad, the package tour operator, jumped 13p to 129p after Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary, gave a green light to Airtours' £237 million bid. Airtours is expected to bounce back with increased terms. Its current offer is worth 115p a share. **Airtours** firmed 5p to 302p.

Elsewhere in the leisure sector, **Euro Disney** suffered an early markdown but bounced back to finish 27p better at 975p. The group says it has been losing $1 million a day but insists that its long-term prospects remain good, with attendances during the past three days at its theme park outside Paris exceeding those of Disneyland in California.

Rank Organisation fell 3p to 690p, though Sir Leslie Fletcher, chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting that there were signs of an increase in US activity. He said it was too early to say if there was an improvement in the UK.

United Biscuits was unchanged at 359p after announcing plans to spend £24 million acquiring Derwent Valley Foods. UB is issuing new Derwent Valley shares worth £9 million, and satisfying the remainder in cash. Derwent is based in Consett, County Durham.

MICHAEL CLARK

Shares of USM-quoted **Albrighton**, *the building products group, slipped 1p to 19p. Bob Morton has sold his entire holding in the company. He placed 2.4 million shares, or 4 per cent of the issued share capital, this week with various institutions at 16½p. The group last month bought five quarries from Tarmac in exchange for a 20 per cent stake in the company.*

WORLD MARKETS

Nikkei eases as yen halts climb

Tokyo — Shares ended lower in directionless trade. Investors were relieved as the yen stabilised after recent gains, but remained wary about buying. There was little reaction to a statement by Yoshiro Hayashi, the finance minister, that another discount rate cut could not be ruled out. The Nikkei index fell 64.21 points to 16,798.94; an estimated 220 million shares were traded.

☐ **New York** — The market moved higher after a mixed opening. At mid-morning, the Dow Jones industrial average was 8.10 points up at 3,331.37; gainers were leading losers on broad and secondary markets by seven to six. January durable goods sales were better than expected but analysts said this was unlikely to affect markets.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Prices lost ground for the second day running as the market continued to consolidate. It has made steady gains for most of this month. A downturn on the bund futures market gave the exchange much of its direction, though the weaker dollar put pressure on exporters. The Dax index ended 17.34 points down at 1,644.24. Cyclical stocks took the brunt of the losses. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Feb 24 midday	Feb 23 close
AMP Inc	55	55
AMR Corp	57	56
Abbott Labs	26	24
Aetna Life	46	45
Ahmanson (HF)	20	20
Air Prod & Chem	43	42
Albertson's	49	49
Alcan Alumnm	19	19
Alco Standard	41	40
Allied Signal	65	64
Alum Co of Am	71	71
Amax	18	18
Amerada Hess	51	50
Amer Brands	34	33
Amer Cyanamid	48	48
Amer El Power	36	36
Amer Express	24	24
Amer Genl Corp	57	56
Amer Home Pr	60	58
Amer Intl	115	113
Amer Stores	37	37
Amer T & T	55	54
Ameritech	76	76
Amoco	55	55
Anheuser-Busch	53	51
Apple Computer	53	54
Archer Daniels	25	25
Arkla	8	8
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	31	31
Asarco	25	25
Ashland Oil	27	27
Atl Richfield	117	116
Auto Data Pro	53	54
Avery Dennison	26	26
Avon Products	57	57
Baker Hughes	23	23
Baltim Gas & El	25	26
Banc One	51	52
BankAmerica	51	50
Bank of NY	55	54
Bankers Tr NY	68	67
Barnett Banks	44	44
Bausch & Lomb	52	51
Baxter Intl	29	28
Becton Dicknsn	70	70
Bell Atlantic	55	55
BellSouth	55	55
Black & Decker	17	18
Block (H&R)	41	41
Boeing	34	34
Boise Cascade	24	24
Borden Inc	25	24
Bristol Myrs Sq	57	56
Browning Ferris	27	27
Burlington Nthn	46	46
CBS	200	200
CNA Financial	92	92
CPC Intl	47	46
CSX	71	71
Campbell Soup	41	41
Can Pacific	13	13
Cptl Cities ABC	493	488
Cptl Holdings	73	73
Carolina Pwr	31	31
Caterpillar	56	55
Central & SW	32	32
Champion Intl	30	30
Chase Manhat	30	30
Chemical Bk	41	40
Chevron Corp	77	78
Chrysler	37	35
Chubb Corp	87	85
Cigna Corp	59	58
Citicorp	25	25
Clorox	45	45
Coastal Corp	25	25
Coca Cola	41	41
Colgate-Palmolive	59	60
Columbia Gas	23	23
Commonw Ed	26	26
Compaq Comp	44	47
Comp Ass Inz	24	24
Conagra	27	26
Cons Edison	34	35
Cons Nat Gas	46	46
Cons Rail	55	54
Cooper Inds	49	49
Corning Inc	31	30
Crown Cork	36	36
Dana Corp	45	46
Dayton Hudson	78	78
Deere	50	48
Delta Air Lines	48	48
Deluxe Corp	43	42
Detroit Edison	36	36
Digital Equip	45	45
Dillard Dept St	45	44
Disney (Walt)	43	43
Dominion Res	42	43
Donelley (RR)	29	29
Dover Corp	46	46
Dow Chemicals	54	55
Dow Jones	29	29
Dresser	18	18
Duke Power	38	38
Dun & Brdstreet	57	57
Du Pont	47	47
Eastman Kodak	50	50
Eaton Corp	79	79

	Feb 24 midday	Feb 23 close
Emerson Elec	57	57
Engelhard Corp	42	42
Enron Corp	57	56
Entergy Corp	35	36
Ethyl Corp	26	26
Exxon	63	63
FMC Corp	46	46
FPL Group	39	39
Federal Express	55	55
Fed Nat Mtge	76	76
First Chicago	41	41
First Interstate	51	50
First Union Rlty	11	11
Fleet Finl Grp	32	32
Fluor Corp	44	45
Ford Motor	46	44
GTE Corp	36	37
Gannett	50	50
Gap Inc Del	32	32
Gen Cinema	33	33
Gen Dynamics	110	111
Gen Electric	83	83
Gen Mills	68	68
Gen Motors	37	36
Gen Reinsurance	113	112
Gen Signal	64	64
Genuine Parts	35	34
Georgia Pac	66	67
Gillette	57	57
Glaxo ADR	18	19
Goodrich (BF)	43	42
Goodyear Tire	67	67
Grace (W&R)	37	37
Grt All Pac Tea	23	23
Great Wstn Fin	17	17
Halliburton	34	35
Heinz (HJ)	43	43
Hercules	67	67
Hershey Foods	51	52
Hewlett Packard	72	72
Hilton Hotels	45	45
Home Depot	60	59
Homestake	12	12
Honeywell	33	33
Household Intl	61	62
Houston Inds	47	48
Humana	18	18
ITT Corp	73	73
Illinois Tool	72	73
INCO	24	24
Ingersoll Rand	32	32
Inland Steel	22	22
Intel Corp	115	113
IBM	51	51
Intl Flav & Fr	107	106
Intl Paper	64	64
James River Va	19	19
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	42	40
K Mart	23	22
Kellogg	62	61
Kerr-McGee	47	47
Kimberly-Clark	56	56
Knight-Ridder	60	60
Lilly (Eli)	50	49
Limited Inc	24	24
LIN Brdcstng	82	82
Lincoln Nat	70	69
Litton	49	50
Liz Claiborne	34	33
Lockheed Corp	56	57
Louisiana Pac	71	72
MCI Commun	39	40
Marriott	24	24
Marsh & McLnn	91	90
Martin Marietta	67	67
Masco Corp	30	30
May Dept St	69	68
Maytag Corp	13	14
McCaw Cellular	35	34
McDonalds	49	49
McDonnell D	49	49
McGraw Hill	59	58
Mead Corp	43	43
Medtronic	74	70
Mellon Bk	58	58
Melville Corp	48	48
Merck Inc	38	37
Merrill Lynch	64	63
Minnesota Mine	104	104
Mobil Corp	67	67
Monsanto	51	51
Morgan (JP)	65	65
Motorola Inc	56	56
Natl Medical	9	9
Natl Semi	11	11
Natl Service Ind	27	27
Navistar Int	3	2
NBD Bancorp	34	34
NY Times A	28	28
Newmont Mng	41	41
Niag Mohawk	21	21
Nike B	70	69
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	32	32
Norfolk Sthn	63	63
Nthn State Pwr	46	46
Norwest Corp	45	45
Nynex Corp	90	90
Occidental Pet	20	20
Ohio Edison	25	25

	Feb 24 midday	Feb 23 close
Oracle Systems	30	29
Oryx Energy Co	20	20
PNC Financial	31	31
PPG Industries	66	66
Paccar Inc	58	58
Pacificorp	18	18
Pac Enterprises	21	21
Pac Gas & Elect	35	35
Pac Telesis	46	46
Pall Corp	18	18
Panhandle East	22	21
Paramnt Comm	46	47
Parker Hannifin	32	31
Penney (JC)	75	74
Pennzoil	57	57
Pepsico	40	40
Pfizer	58	57
Phelps Dodge	51	52
Philadel Elec	29	29
Philip Morris	65	63
Phillips Pet	28	28
Pitney Bowes	40	40
Polaroid	28	28
Price Co	33	33
Primerica	53	52
Procter & Gmbl	50	50
Pub Serv E & G	33	33
Quaker Oats	67	67
Ralston Purina	49	49
Raychem Corp	42	41
Raytheon	53	53
Reebok Intl	34	34
Reynolds Metals	52	51
Roadway Srvcs	67	66
Rockwell Intl	28	28
Rohm & Haas	58	59
Royal Dutch	84	84
Rubbermaid	31	31
Safeco Corp	60	59
St Paul's Cos	76	75
Salomon Inc	40	39
Santa Fe S Pac	13	13
Sara Lee Corp	28	28
Scecorp	48	48
Schering Plough	56	55
Schlumberger	59	58
Scott Paper	38	38
Seagram	25	26
Sears Roebuck	52	52
Shell Trans	51	51
Sherwin Wlms	31	31
Skyline Corp	21	21
Snap-On-Tools	33	33
Southern Co	40	40
Sthwestern Bell	73	74
Sprint Corp	27	28
Stanley Works	43	42
Sun Company	27	27
Suntrust	45	45
Supervalu	31	32
Syntex Corp	19	18
Sysco Corp	25	24
TRW Inc	58	58
Tandem Comp	12	12
Tandy Corp	25	25
Telecom Corp	2	2
Teledyne	21	20
Temple Inland	49	49
Tenneco	46	44
Texaco	62	62
Texas Inst	54	54
Texas Utilities	46	46
Textron	43	43
Time Warner	33	33
Times-Mirror	32	32
Timken	30	29
Torchmark	56	57
Toys R Us	38	37
Transamerica	47	48
Travelers Corp	25	24
Tribune	51	51
Tyco Labs	41	41
UAL Corp	112	111
UST Inc	27	25
USX Marathon	18	18
Unilever NV	111	109
Union Camp	46	46
Union Carbide	16	16
Union Pacific	59	58
Unisys Corp	11	11
USAIR Group	15	15
USF&G Corp	13	13
US Life	39	39
US West	42	42
United Tech	44	44
Unocal Corp	26	26
Upjohn	28	27
VF Corp	46	45
Wal-Mart Stores	61	59
Warner-Lambert	64	63
Waste Mgmnt Inc	35	35
Wells Fargo	95	94
Westinghouse El	13	13
Weyerhaeuser	42	41
Whirlpool	47	48
Whitman	14	14
Winn Dixie	72	72
Woolworth	29	28
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	30	29
Xerox	81	81

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Hambros	316p (+8p)
VSEL	620p (+20p)
Liberty Life	988p (+16p)
Euro Disney	975p (+27p)
Owners Abroad	129p (+13p)
Br Aerospace	265p (+13p)
Kwik Save	842p (+14p)
Jardine Math	451p (+11p)
Fine Art Dev	558p (+15p)
FALLS:	
Nat West	435p (-8p)
W Cook	147p (-10p)
A McAlpine	131p (-8p)
Marks Spencer	330p (-8p)
Hartstone	250p (-20p)
Gestetner	131p (-11½p)
Eng China Clay	439p (-13p)
SKF 'B'	675p (-62½p)
Danka Bus Sys	630p (-10p)
Southern Bus	79p (-34p)
Sedgwick	161p (-7p)
Euromoney Pub	968p (-7p)
Kode	153p (-8p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Intl Food Machinery (51)	67	-1
Mauritius Fund ($10¼)	723	+6
Merlin Intl Green Uts	92	-1
Motor World (210)	263	-1
New City & Comm Inv Tst	86	...
New City & Comm Wts	18	-1
Kingfisher Units n/p (450)	100	+3
ML Holdings n/p (15)	3½	...
MMI n/p (7½)	7	-1
Menvier-Swain n/p (520)	67	...
PizzaExpress n/p (40)	33	-1
Property Trust 10p (25)	23	...
SelecTV n/p (17)	¼	...
Triplex Lloyd n/p (140)	28	+1
Volex n/p (345)	66	-3
Whessoe n/p (260)	55	-2
Yorkshire Chems n/p (330)	41	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Allied Leisure n/p (48)	4	...
Bellway n/p (320)	61	...
Bowater Units n/p (440)	76½	+3½
Commercial Union n/p (490)	63	...

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities fell sharply in late trading, reflecting the pound's latest setback against the dollar and the mark. Prices were marked higher in early trading, enabling the Bank of England to exhaust the remaining supplies of the new tap Conversion 9¾ per cent 2011 C.

It also exhausted remaining supplies of Treasury index-linked 4⅛ per cent 2030. There is no outstanding tap stock in the market.

On the futures market, the March series of the long gilt fell 22 ticks to £103¹¹⁄₁₆, most of the fall coming after 3pm. A total of 39,000 contracts were completed as investors continued to roll over from the March to June series.

In the cash market, Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 lost two ticks at £111⅞, while in longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 lost eight ticks at £105¹⁄₃₂.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
104	100	Treas 12¾% 1993	102	...	12.19	5.76
100	95	Fund 6% 1993	100 †	...	5.99	5.62
107	103	Treas 13¾% 1993	105	...	12.98	5.57
102	96	Treas 8¼% 1994	102	-	8.27	5.52
110	104	Treas 14½% 1994	108 †	-	13.33	5.56
110	103	Exch 13½% 1994	108	...	12.39	5.59
105	98	Treas 10% 1994	105	...	9.48	5.60
110	103	Exch 12½% 1994	109	...	11.39	5.67
105	96	Treas 9% 1994	105	-	8.54	5.68
111	102	Treas 12% 1995	111	...	10.80	5.84
96	88	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	...	3.10	4.58
109	99	Exch 10¼% 1995	109	...	9.35	5.96
116	106	Treas 12¾% 1995	116	-	10.93	6.02
120	109	Treas 14% 1996	120	-	11.64	6.30
125	113	Treas 15¼% 1996	125	-	12.18	6.42
120	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	119	-	11.07	6.42
111	98	Conv 10% 1996	111	-	8.99	6.56
122	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	122	-	10.84	6.69
113	100	Exch 10½% 1997	113	-	9.27	6.69
108	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	108 †	-	8.10	6.70
132	117	Exch 15% 1997	131	-	11.39	6.94
112	97	Exch 9¾% 1998	111	-	8.72	6.87
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
102	98	Treas 7¼% 1998	102 †	...	7.14	6.66
100	86	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	-	6.72	6.58
137	123	Treas 15½% 1998	137	-	11.28	7.25
122	107	Exch 12% 1998	121	-	9.86	7.32
112	97	Treas 9½% 1999	111	-	8.53	7.12
123	109	Exch 12¼% 1999	123	-	9.92	7.40
116	101	Treas 10½% 1999	116	-	9.03	7.34
116	100	Conv 10¼% 1999	115	-	8.87	7.31
110	94	Conv 9% 2000	109	-	8.21	7.25
129	114	Treas 13% 2000	129	-	10.03	7.70
114	99	Treas 10% 2001	113 †	-	8.79	7.70
129	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	128	-	10.86	7.29
113	98	Treas 9¾% 2002	112	-	8.67	7.90
51	46	Treas 8pc 2003	51	-	7.91	7.86
114	100	Treas 10% 2003	113	-	8.79	8.06
121	107	Treas 11½% 2001-04	120	-	9.52	8.00
72	59	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72	-	4.83	7.09
110	96	Conv 9½% 2004	109	-	8.64	8.18
110	96	Conv 9½% 2005	110	-	8.63	8.20
129	116	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128	-	9.77	8.42
99	85	Treas 8% 2002-06	99	-	8.04	8.15
123	110	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	122	-	9.56	8.37
102	89	Treas 8½% 2007	101	-	8.34	8.30
136	123	Treas 13½% 2004-08	137	-	9.91	8.46
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
106	93	Treas 9% 2008	105	-	8.50	8.35
97	85	Treas 8% 2009	96	-	8.26	8.38
105	93	Conv 9% 2011	105	-	8.56	8.47
105	93	Treas 9% 2012	105	-	8.57	8.48
74	62	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73	-	7.45	8.23
94	81	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94	...	8.21	8.34
132	118	Exch 12% 2013-17	131	-	9.10	8.67
102	91	Treas 8¾% 2017	102	-	8.94	8.54
		UNDATED				
46	39	Consols 4%	46	+	8.53	...
40	35	War Ln 3½%	40	-	8.58	...
63	59	Conv 3½%	61 †	-	5.68	...
30	24	Consols 2½%	30	+	8.14	...
29	24	Treas 2½%	29 †	+	8.47	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
137	122	Treas IL 2% 1994	132	-	...	0.87
197	176	Treas IL 2% 1996	196 †	-	1.42	2.18
108	100	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108	-	2.03	2.62
165	139	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165 †	+	2.63	2.98
161	135	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161	+	2.81	3.10
110	101	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	110	+	2.92	3.20
166	137	Treas IL 2% 2006	166	+	3.02	3.25
150	124	Treas IL 2½% 2009	150	+	3.22	3.42
155	129	Treas IL 2½% 2011	155	+	3.29	3.48
128	106	Treas IL 2½% 2013	128	+	3.35	3.52
136	112	Treas IL 2½% 2016	135	+	3.43	3.60
130	107	Treas IL 2½% 2020	130	+	3.50	3.64
107	88	Treas IL 2½% 2024	107	+	3.53	3.66
108	91	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108	+	3.55	3.68

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	1,500	Coats Vyla	905	Legal & Gn	852	Scot & New	1,300
Alld-Lyons	689	Cm Union	1,800	Lloyds Bk	3,100	Scot Power	815
Anglian W	848	Courtaulds	308	MB Cardn	359	Sears	5,700
Argyll Gp	2,100	De La Rue	550	Marks Spr	3,800	Svrn Trent	940
Arjo Wig	751	Eng China	1,500	NFC	281	Shell Trans	8,100
AB Foods	102	Enterpr Oil	51	NatWst Bk	4,700	Siebe	2,000
BAA	1,200	Fisons	2,200	Nat Power	1,700	SmKl Bch	5,200
BAT Inds	3,600	Forte	1,000	Nth Wst W	593	Smith Nph	5,700
BOC	889	GRE	9,300	Nthrn Fds	2,400	Smith (WH)	1,200
BP	7,400	GUS A	516	P&O	471	Sthrn Elec	403
BT	10,000	Gen Acc	3,000	Pearson	1,000	Std Chartd	745
BTR	2,300	Gen Elec	2,300	PowerGen	750	Sun Allnce	1,900
Bk of Scot	347	Glaxo	4,600	Prudential	3,500	TI Gp	1,000
Barclays	5,300	Granada	2,600	RTZ	1,100	TSB	2,400
Bass	853	Grand Met	3,500	Rank Org	1,500	Tate & Lyle	846
Blue Circle	4,100	Guinness	2,500	Reckitt Col	299	Tesco	3,100
Boots	813	HSBC	2,300	Redland	658	Thames W	877
Bowater	584	Hanson	5,000	Reed Intl	840	Thrn EMI	454
Brit Airwys	2,600	ICI	1,700	Rentokil	809	Tomkins	1,700
Brit Gas	5,500	Inchcape	1,100	Reuters	780	Unilever	4,300
Brit Steel	2,600	Kingfisher	1,100	Rothmans	822	Utd Bisc	782
Burmah C	143	Kwik Save	457	Ryl Ins	2,500	Vodafone	1,100
Cable Wire	1,200	LASMO	1,000	Ryl Bk Scot	1,900	Wellcome	2,000
Cadbury	1,600	Ladbroke	1,300	Sainsbury	2,000	Whitbd 'A'	806
Carlton C	1,200	Land Secs	843	Scot Hydro	807	Wilms Hld	1,600

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3338.69 (+15.12)
S&P Composite .... 437.63 (+2.83)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 16798.94 (-64.21)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 6177.69 (+28.50)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 99.8 (-0.3)

Sydney: AO .... 1604.8 (-3.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1644.24 (-17.34)

FT 30 share: .... 2172.9 (-7.8)

Brussels:
General .... 5978.69 (-19.80)

Paris: CAC .... 515.34 (-5.10)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 466.6 (+0.5)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1374.40 (-4.44)
FT 500 .... 1513.13 (-0.91)
FT Gold Mines .... 95.3 (+1.8)
FT Fixed Interest .... 112.50 (+0.09)
FT Govt Secs .... 96.52 (-0.02)
Bargains 27383
SEAQ Volume 592.7m
USM (Datastrm) .... 130.88 (+0.24)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 22	March 5	June 3	June 14

Call options were taken out on 24/2/93: Aberdeen Pets, Acorn Comp, BTR Wts 93/4, Costain, Danka Business Sys, Hanson Wts, Howden, Microvitec, Next, Premier Cons Oil, Regalian Prop, Sears, Vistec. Puts: Hartstone, Next. Puts & Calls: Costain, Hanson Wts, Premier Cons Oil.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 55404)	Mar 93	2814.0	2824.0	2804.0	2812.5	8656
	Jun 93	2825.0	2839.0	2822.5	2827.0	267
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 295221)	Mar 93	94.06	94.06	93.94	93.95	22107
	Jun 93	94.64	94.65	94.46	94.47	18448
	Sep 93	94.77	94.78	94.64	94.65	3818
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 22161)	Mar 93	96.81	96.81	96.79	96.79	335
	Jun 93	96.70	96.70	96.65	96.66	1753
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 463388)	Mar 93	91.87	91.89	91.82	91.84	31183
	Jun 93	92.95	92.96	92.81	92.82	59542
US Treasury Bond (Previous open interest: 372)	Mar 93	111-25	111-25	111-14	111-17	41
	Jun 93				110-09	0
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 73513)	Mar 93	103-22	103-27	103-02	103-02	48736
	Jun 93	105-07	105-08	104-11	104-14	19405
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	112.48	112.48	112.29	112.30	37
	Jun 93	111.84	111.85	111.61	111.62	1614
German Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 138431)	Mar 93	94.82	94.86	94.40	94.52	88758
	Jun 93	95.26	95.32	94.88	94.98	28228
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 17645)	Mar 93	90.52	90.52	90.43	90.45	896
	Jun 93	91.57	91.57	91.43	91.49	1229
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 51116)	Mar 93	94.60	94.62	94.55	94.56	4618
	Jun 93	95.33	95.35	95.22	95.24	6009
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 41724)	Mar 93	95.60	96.01	95.33	95.86	20775
	Jun 93	95.43	95.80	95.20	95.70	464

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 76.0 (day's range 76.0-76.5).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 24	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6203-2.6338	2.6225-2.6259	⅜-¼ds	1⅛-1½ds
Brussels	47.76-48.31	47.96-48.06	12-16ds	33-42ds
Copenhagen	8.9280-9.0200	8.9280-8.9500	6½-9½ds	21½-24¼ds
Dublin	0.9580-0.9605	0.9588-0.9602	71-80ds	179-202ds
Frankfurt	2.3263-2.3403	2.3263-2.3295	½-⅝ds	1¼-1⅝ds
Lisbon	213.38-216.18	214.23-215.11	111-193ds	380-563ds
Madrid	167.10-170.21	167.50-169.10	167-227ds	399-488ds
Milan	2280.80-2294.90	2286.10-2294.90	10-13ds	30-34ds
Montreal	1.8091-1.8272	1.8152-1.8173	0.12-0.03pr	0.17-0.04pr
New York	1.4345-1.4455	1.4378-1.4388	0.41-0.40pr	1.07-1.05pr
Oslo	9.9230-9.9890	9.9460-9.9690	1⅜-4½ds	6¼-8⅜ds
Paris	7.9000-7.9450	7.9000-7.9100	4¼-4¾ds	11¾-12⅜ds
Stockholm	11.1550-11.2950	11.2720-11.2950	2⅞-5¼ds	7⅞-10⅜ds
Tokyo	167.62-169.09	168.00-168.20	½-⅜pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	16.31-16.50	16.37-16.42	2⅜-3¼ds	6⅜-8¼ds
Zurich	2.1496-2.1608	2.1538-2.1568	¼pr-par	⅜-¼pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4365-1.4390
Australia dollar	2.0588-2.0618
Bahrain dinar	0.5385-0.5505
Brazil cruzeiro*	27463.4-27482.7
Cyprus pound	0.699-0.709
Finland markka	8.433-8.548
Greece drachma	313.25-320.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.0939-11.1032
India rupee	42.98-43.94
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4424-0.4443
Malaysia ringgit	3.7683-3.7731
Mexico peso	4.45-4.46
New Zealand dollar	2.7322-2.7395
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.3495-5.4755
Singapore dollar	2.3526-2.3558
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4597-6.5361
S Africa rand (com)	4.4740-4.4844
U A E dirham	5.2405-5.3645

Barclays Bank GTS Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4347-1.4357
Austria	11.37-11.39
Belgium (Com)	33.30-33.34
Canada	1.2614-1.2619
Denmark	6.21-6.22
France	5.5125-5.5175
Germany	1.6203-1.6213
Hong Kong	7.731-7.732
Ireland	1.499-1.501
Italy	1590.5-1595.0
Japan	116.85-116.90
Malaysia	2.6260-2.6275
Netherlands	1.8235-1.8245
Norway	6.918-6.928
Portugal	148.75-149.25
Singapore	1.6395-1.6405
Spain	116.5-117.5
Sweden	7.7935-7.8035
Switzerland	1.499-1.500

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 7½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 4 Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⁵⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth 5¼ . Sell: 2 mth 5¼ ; 3 mth: 5⁵⁄₃₂ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5¼-5⁵⁄₃₂	5⁷⁄₃₂-5⁵⁄₃₂	5¹¹⁄₃₂-5¼	5⅜-5½	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⁷⁄₃₂	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾
	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾

Overnight: open 5¾, close 4.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6⅛	n/a	6⅛	5¾	5¾
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs:	3.05-3.02	n/a	3.10-3.07	3.16-3.13	3.36-3.33
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 29, 1993 Agreed rates Feb 24, 1993 to Mar 23, 1993 Scheme I: 8.32%. Schemes II & III: 8.20%. Reference rate Jan 1, 1993 to Jan 29, 1993 Scheme IV & V. 7.00%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3-2½	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅜-3⅛	3½-2½
Deutschemark:	8⅝-8½	8⅝-8½	8⅜-8¼	7⅝-7½	8½-7½
French Franc:	11½-11¼	12⅛-11⅞	12⅛-11⅞	11½-11¼	12½-10½
Swiss Franc:	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	5½-5⅜	5⅜-5⅛	5½-4½
Yen:	3⅛-3⅛	3¼-3⅛	3¼-3⅛	3¼-3⅛	3½-2½

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $330.40-330.80 Close: $329.80-330.30 High: $330.45-330.95 Low: $328.70-329.20 **Krugerrand:** $328.50-330.50 (£228.50-230.50)
Sovereigns: Old $78.50-81.50 (£52.50-54.50) New $78.50-81.50 (£52.50-54.50)
Platinum: $345.65 (£240.85) **Silver:** $3.60 (£2.505) **Palladium:** $101.25 (£70.55)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Lyon	550	57	68	75	4½	18	24
(*588½)	600	18	35	47	21	42	47
ASDA	57	8½	13	15	2	5½	7½
(*62½)	67	4	8	10½	6½	10	13
Bass	550	45	62	74	8	22	28
(*577)	600	16	35	47	30	45	50
Boots	460	35	48	57	7	20	25
(*481)	500	14	26	35	26	40	46
Br Airways	260	28	35	39	6½	15	19
(*283)	280	16	24	30	13	25	29
BP	240	42	47	49	2	6	8½
(*276)	260	24	32	36	5	12	15
	280	11½	20	26	12	20	24
Br Steel	70	9	13	15½	4	7½	9½
(*76½)	80	4	8½	10½	9	13½	15½
C & W	700	47	65	76	12½	28	37
(*729½)	750	19	37	50	35	54	62
CU	532	47	54	61	8	16	25
(*575)	580	12	29	36	33	40	49
Courtauld	550	30	45	56	16	32	38
(*558½)	600	10	22	34	47	62	67
GKN	460	17	29	36	22	32	40
(*466)	500	5	15	20	53	58	66
Grnd Met	420	36	50	57	7½	19	25
(*444)	460	13	29	36	27	39	45
ICI	1050	42	72	85	67	83	104
(*1077½)	1100	25	52	62	98	113	137
	1150	14	36	48	142	150	172
Kingfshr	535	31	44	53	13	32	40
(*549½)	584	10	23	31	45	62	68
Ladbroke	180	19	27	33	10	16	23
(*191½)	200	8	17	24	22	28	34
Land Sec	460	32	38	43	5	18	22
(*481½)	500	8	16	23	24	44	45
M & S	330	13	22	29	11	20	24
(*328½)	360	4½	11	16	31	40	42
Sainsbury	500	23	35	46	14	27	32
(*501½)	550	7	15	24	47	58	62
Shell	550	35	47	55	9	17	26
(*582)	600	7½	22	30	39	45	52
Smkl Bch	420	30	44	54	13	22	29
(*438½)	460	12	27	35	34	45	51
Storehse	180	14	22	27	10	16	20
(*181)	200	6	14	18	22	28	32
Trafalgar	70	12	15	18	3	5½	7
(*78½)	80	5½	10	12½	6½	11	15
Unilever	1100	84	100	120	11	34	31
(*1187½)	1150	44	70	90	28	43	51
Utd Bisc	330	35	38	44	6	13	18
(*357)	360	13	21	27	21	38	33

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
BAA	750	23	52	63	1	19	34
(*771½)	800	1	25	38	29	45	56
BAT Ind	900	30½	51	62	1	30	44
(*928)	950	2	24	41	20	61	73
BTR	550	7	20	31	1½	22	29
(*551)	600	1	6	14	48	61	63
Br Aero	240	23	34	44	1	16	26
(*262)	260	3½	24	34	5	26	36
Br Telcm	390	15	27½	35	2	8	16
(*406)	420	1	12	17	16	22	32
Cadbury	460	2	17	28	4	28	34
(*458)	500	1	6	14	45	59	62
Guinness	420	35	43	50	1	11	18
(*451)	460	1½	19	27	9	29	39
GEC	280	15	23	28	1	6½	12
(*293½)	300	1½	11½	17	8	15	23
Hanson	240	9½	16	19½	1	7	11½
(*248½)	260	1	7	11	11	18	22½
LASMO	160	16	24	31	1	9½	13
(*173)	180	½	14	19	6	20	25
Lucas	140	3	15	20	1½	14	18
(*141½)	160	1	6	12	18	25	29
P & O	500	50	62	70	1½	20	26
(*546½)	550	3	31	42	4	43	55
Pilkngtn	110	4	13	19	1	9	13
(*111½)	120	1	9½	13	7	14	19
Prudential	300	10	19	26	1½	13	19
(*308½)	330	1	6	12	22	33	37
RTZ	650	3	25	41	7	40	50
(*649)	700	1	11	24	48	79	85
Scot New	420	16	34	43	1	12	25
(*432)	460	1	15	24	29	35	48
Tesco	220	18	24	29	1	7½	12
(*232)	240	1½	14	19	3	17	20
Thames W	500	22	36	41	1½	11	31
(*521½)	550	1	12	15	33	39	54
Vodafone	360	24	38	44	1	9	17
(*382½)	390	1½	21	29	9	24	33

FT-SE INDEX (*2815½)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Mar	137	88	50	27	13	6
Apr	148	105	72	53	31	19
May	163	129	99	74	52	37
Jun	180	145	117	92	70	53
Dec	270	-	205	-	155	-
Puts						
Mar	11	20	41	69	101	143
Apr	26	40	58	85	116	151
May	41	57	81	104	131	205
Jun	51	72	88	120	140	180
Dec	100	-	140	-	190	-

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	360	31	35	44	6	13	20
(*384½)	390	9	19	28	21	29	34
Amstrad	25	5½	7	7½	1	2	3½
(*29½)	30	2	4	5	3	4½	5½
Barclays	420	19	31	39	20	30	42
(*423½)	460	5	15	24	53	57	67
Blue Circ	220	13	22	27	11	26	30
(*225)	240	6½	14	19	25	39	44
Br Gas	280	13½	18	23	4	12½	17
(*288½)	300	4	8½	14	19	26	28
	330	1	2½	6	43	51	52
Dixons	200	23	31	33	4½	11	17
(*218)	220	12	19	23	12	19	26
Eurotnl	460	54	73	89	10	28	40
(*499)	500	25	52	67	23	47	62
Forte	180	16	22	26	5	15	21
(*190½)	200	6	12	17	16	28	32
Glaxo	650	24	49	67	31	47	59
(*650)	700	9	29	48	67	80	93
	750	2½	18	33	114	120	128
HSBC	550	50	62	77	8	25	36
(*586½)	600	20	35	53	27	50	62
Hillsdwn	140	17	21	23	3	10½	14
(*153)	160	5½	10	14	12	23	26
Lonrho	80	10	15½	18½	2½	7½	10
(*87)	90	5	11	14	8	12	16
Reuter	1300	50	87	122	37	67	90
(*1322½)	1350	25	65	95	65	95	117
R-Royce	120	10½	14½	18½	4	10	13
(*128)	130	5½	10	14	9	16	19
Sears	90	8	11	14	2	6	7
(*95)	100	3	6	9	6½	12	15
Thm Eml	800	36	59	71	10	23	42
(*820½)	850	12	32	44	35	52	71
TSB	160	18	24	27	1½	8	11
(*171)	180	6½	14	17	13	18	22
Vaal Reefs	40	4	6	6½	2½	4	6½
(*40)	45	1	4	4½	6	7	9
Wellcome	850	51	82	108	14	39	53
(*875½)	900	24	54	80	38	64	79
Series		**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**
Fisons	220	22	32	40	13	33	37
(*223½)	240	12½	24	32	25	38	43
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Eastrn Elc	430	32	-	-	1	-	-
(*457½)	460	2½	25	35	2½	19	33
Series		**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Natl Pwr	300	18	28	33	5½	12	20
(*311½)	330	4½	13	17	22	28	36
Scot Pwr	220	17	23	26	2	5½	13
(*234)	240	4½	11½	16	9½	15	23

February 24, 1993 Tot: 41189 Calls: 30538 Puts: 10651 FT-SE Calls: 3538 Puts: 3840
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Barley continued to move higher on thin volume as a squeeze seems to be now in place, and the lack of tenders continues to confirm the longs view that shorts positions will have to be bought back. White sugar futures were described as strong after losing ground late Tuesday. Coffee regained previous losses for May to close higher.

LONDON FOX COCOA

Mar	746-745	May	833-832
May	758-757	Jul	848-847
Jul	770-768	Sep	862-861
Sep	782-781	Dec	885-883
Dec	798-797		
Mar	818-817	Volume:	7389

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	969-967	Nov	947 SLR
May	956-954	Jan	970-960
Jul	925-923	Mar	962-950
Sep	933 BID	Volume:	2637

RAW SUGAR (FOB)
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Spot n/a		Oct	203.0-01.0
		Dec	196.0-92.0
Mar	unq	Mar	197.0-93.0
May	220.0-18.0	May	200.0-98.0
Aug	224.0-22.0	Volume:	70

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters

Spot: 271.0		Dec	254.0-52.5
May	271.5-70.0	Mar	253.0-49.5
Aug	271.5-70.2	May	256.5-51.5
Oct	255.0-53.5	Aug	261.0-53.5
		Volume:	1061

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 24

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	83.77	114.24	127.20
(+/-)	-0.40	-9.35	+3.47
Eng/Wales:	83.77	113.33	126.97
(+/-)	-0.40	+8.11	+3.52
(%)	+1.4	-8.6	-1.1
Scotland:	n/a	117.43	128.20
(+/-)	n/a	+13.61	+3.22
(%)	n/a	-16.3	+0.6

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jun	106.0	106.0	Aug	unq	unq
Jul	unq	unq		Volume:	4

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	144.90
May	146.40
Jun	147.20
Sep	110.00
Nov	111.95
Volume:	328

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	142.45
May	143.45
Sep	107.65
Nov	110.65
Jan	113.55
Volume:	110

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	151.30
Jun	142.50
Aug	143.80
Oct	146.80
Dec	unq
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	43.5	44.5
May	45.2	46.0
Apr	94.0	94.0
Volume:		61

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Apr 67.00-66.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Despite bullish inventory figures, sellers became more of a feature and levels eased off.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.90	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Mar)	18.85	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Apr)	18.80	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	20.35	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (May)	20.40	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	193 (-1)	195 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	174 (-1)	175 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Mar	176 (-1)	177 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Apr	176 (n/c)	177 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	71 (n/c)	73 (n/c)
Naphtha	175 (n/c)	178 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Mar	173.00-73.25	Jun	173.00-73.50
Apr	173.25 SLR	Jul	174.50-74.00
May	173.00-73.25	Aug	176.50-75.75
		Vol:	13294

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	18.81-18.83	Jul	18.88 BID
May	18.83-18.84	Aug	18.80-18.93
Jun	18.87-18.90	Vol:	21590

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Mar	188.00-92.00	Jun	202.50-05.00
Apr	192.75-97.00	Jul	n/a
May	196.00-99.50	Vol:	227

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Mar 93	1382	1374	1382
Apr 93	1393	1365	1383
Jul 93	1191	1190	1198
Oct 93	1355	1350	1350

Vol: 291 lots. Open intrst: 2746 Index 1374 -1

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3 mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1520.0-1520.5	1544.0-1544.5	592000
Lead (£/tonne)	282.75-283.00	292.25-292.75	56825
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1054.5-1055.0	1072.5-1073.0	315950
Tin ($/tonne)	5760.0-5765.0	5825.0-5828.0	6375
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1196.0-1196.5	1217.0-1217.5	512100
Nickel ($/tonne)	6211.0-6212.0	6270.0-6275.0	63000

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Why Clinton wants to clip the wings of high-flying Airbus

As the trade rift with the US widens, **Ross Tieman** says that the success of Airbus symbolises the gravest threat to American industry

President Clinton seems determined to drag Airbus Industrie into the burgeoning transatlantic trade rift. John Major, in Washington for his first meeting with Mr Clinton yesterday, would do well to respond with a lesson beginning in the dark days of the second world war.

While the allies were raining down bombs on German cities, Britain and America concluded a pact under which Britain's aircraft builders would concentrate on warplanes, leaving the US industry to furnish transport planes for all the allied forces.

That deal, combined with the existence of a single, geographically huge, regulated internal market, enabled the US aviation industry to leave Europe's fragmented national manufacturers wallowing in their prop-wash for more than 30 years after the conflict ended.

But so effective has Europe's response been that it has called into question the philosophical roots of America's *laissez-faire* industrial policy. Airplane makers are subsidised on both sides of the Atlantic. But Airbus has shown that governments can direct industrial policy in such a way as to capture high technology markets. Mr Clinton and Laura d'Andrea Tyson, his chief economic adviser, rightly see Airbus as symbolising the gravest of threats to American industry.

By the 1960s, Europe's failure to compete effectively in civil aviation was abundantly clear. European plane makers were producing ten different turbine-powered aircraft, seven of them for short-haul routes. The three biggest programmes, the Trident and the BAC 111 in Britain, and the French Caravelle, sold 625 planes in all. A good production run for a single manufacturer; uneconomical divided among three.

As Jean Pierson, managing director of Airbus Industrie, put it in a lecture to the Cranfield School of Management: "Survival called for a pooling of resources and for national pride to take second place to hard-headed business realities." Politicians leaned on industrialists, and in December 1970, Airbus Industrie was incorporated under French law as a "grouping of mutual economic interest."

Airbus Industrie acts as an umbrella organisation, directing the design and production of a family of aircraft from its headquarters at Toulouse, France. It is owned by four partners. Aerospatiale of France and Deutsche Aerospace each have 37.9 per cent. British Aerospace, the UK's dominant aircraft builder, has 20 per cent and CASA, the leading Spanish aerospace group, has 4.2 per cent. The partner companies share out the airframe design and manufacturing work among themselves in proportion to their interest in the co-operative group. But each is free to sub-contract, a device which helps to keep them under pressure to reduce costs.

The scale of Airbus activities has tended to be obscured from public notice because the co-operators maintain their individual names. Originally, the idea was to build a single plane powered by two huge engines, the A300. But step by step, Airbus has targeted other market segments so that it now has a range of six planes that compete in every part of the international market, from 150 to 320 seats. Only markets for small regional aircraft, where the partners compete individually (and uneconomically) and for jumbo jets, where the Boeing 747 enjoys a monopoly, remain untargeted by Airbus. And Airbus is evaluating even these opportunities for the future.

In all, 1,809 Airbus jets have been sold to 108 customers around the world; 982 have been delivered. Each large jet sells for about $100 million. In the space of 20 years, Airbus has made massive inroads into American dominance of civil aircraft sales in the western world.

According to Robert MacKinley, managing director of BAe's internal Airbus subsidiary, Airbus Industrie commands a near-30 per cent share of world sales of aircraft over 100 seats, trailing Boeing's near-60 per cent share, but way ahead of McDonnell Douglas.

The benefits to Europe's aerospace industry of Airbus's success are immense. BAe designs and builds the wings for the entire Airbus series. Design and engineering work alone provides employment for 1,700 people at BAe's Filton site near Bristol. Assembly is carried out at Chester and the wingsets are delivered to Toulouse or Hamburg for final assembly. Last year, BAe delivered 157 pairs of wings for Airbus planes.

Across the BAe group, Airbus operations are reckoned to employ some 10,000 people and generate revenues of £1 billion a year, two-thirds of the group's entire civil aerospace turnover.

American objections to competition from Airbus centre on two themes. First, and most obvious, are the cheap loans, titled launch aid, provided by governments to members of the consortium for work on Airbus programmes.

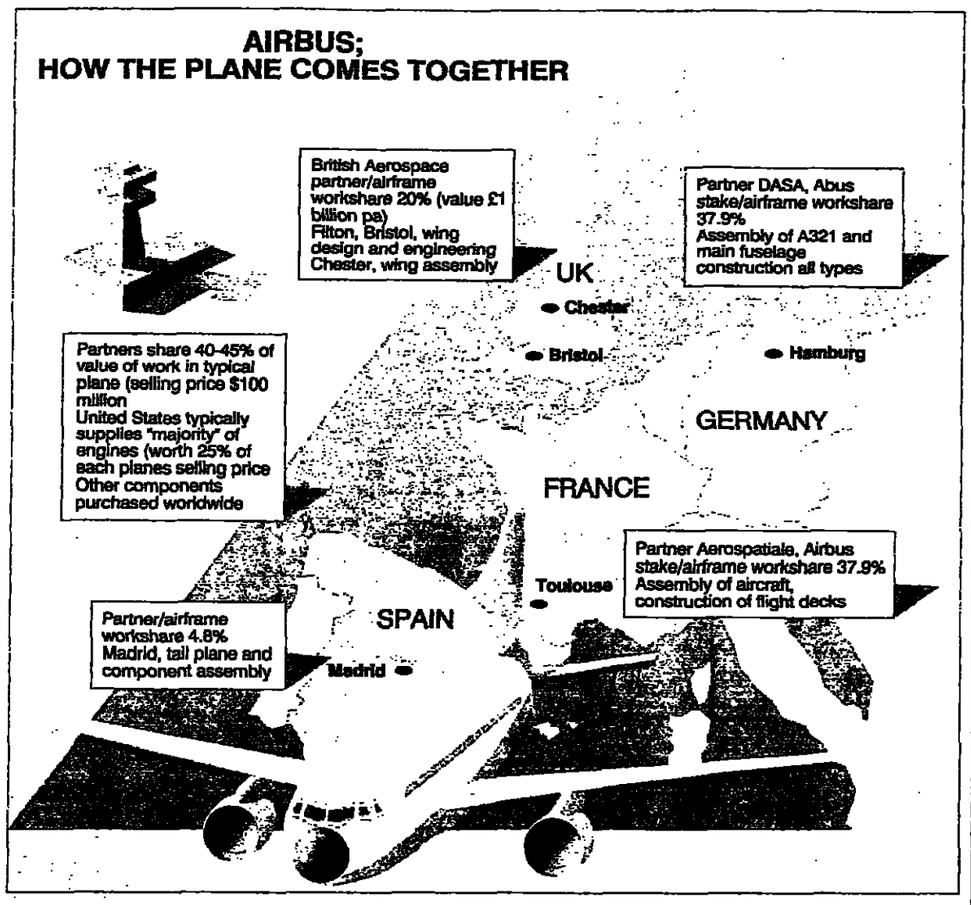
The first Airbus, the A300, received 100 per cent government aid; the second (A310) 90 per cent; the third (A320) 75 per cent; the A330 and A340 60 per cent and the latest version (A321) none at all. The loans are being repaid out of profits from aircraft sales: $700 million in 1991, $800 million in 1992 and an anticipated $1 billion this year.

More difficult to identify, but probably of equal or greater significance, are the benefits aerospace companies derive from government-funded military aircraft research programmes. Time and again, technologies developed for military planes are subsequently applied on civil aircraft. But the availability of military research and development funding, and the transfer of knowledge thus gained into civil programmes, distorts competition. Measuring the scale of that distortion is difficult.

After a decade or more of transatlantic disputes over government aid to Airbus, Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, an agreement was concluded last summer, limiting to 33 per cent the amount of aid that governments in France, Germany, Britain and Spain could put into funding Airbus. In return, the US government agreed to limit its own funding of military projects that could be used commercially.

A surge of civil aircraft orders during the late 1980s created ample space for Airbus to gain market share with only limited impact on American jobs. But the massive losses experienced by airlines last year, especially in a US market destabilised by deregulation, have triggered a spate of cancellations of plane orders. Boeing has announced the loss of 28,000 jobs at its Seattle headquarters. President Clinton, in Seattle on Monday, accused the Europeans of "investing $26 billion to build Airbus and throw Americans out of work".

The sum, however arrived at, is spurious, since President Clinton conveniently ignored the fact that launch aid is repayable. He did not mention the subsidies Boeing has received, nor the huge value of American components fitted to airliners built in Europe, and vice-versa. His words reflect worries in the US that America is losing its leadership in high-tech industries. This is, in part, a function of economic progress in Europe, Japan, and elsewhere. But it also reflects growing signs of a belief in Mr Clinton's administration that when it comes to intervention, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em."



TEMPUS

Risk and reward at BAe

THE improvements British Aerospace has made to its accounts only highlight how chaotic its financial systems were until last year. The group had no uniform pension accounting policy, classed some of its machinery as stock rather than fixed assets, and even included some of its interest earnings in the operating profits line.

The changes have cleared up many doubts about BAe's financing but the City still does not feel confident. The key issue remains whether BAe can pull the strong operating profits down to its bottom line. There are several barriers to overcome along the way.

The largest is the rump of the regional aircraft division. BAe's joint venture with the Taiwan Aerospace Corporation has eliminated much of the downside, but the remaining operations in Prestwick could still provide further nasty shocks. Shareholders will rest easier when BAe finds a joint venture partner.

Rover, by contrast, offers considerable opportunities. The company's break-even production target of 400,000 vehicles a year should be attainable when the car market is firmer. The group made 421,000 cars even in last year's depressed market, so the prospect for substantial profits is undeniable.

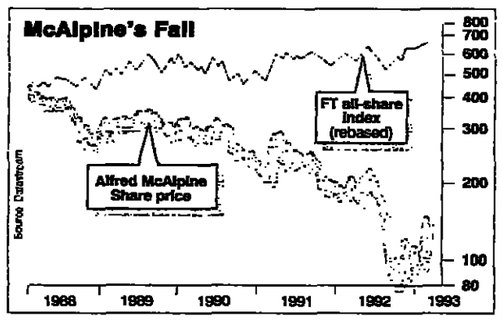
Provided the property and construction divisions continue to break even, the group could have neutralised all its loss-makers by 1994 and start to take in additional profits from the recent al-Yamamah Tornado order. If so, profits could rise above £300 million, putting the shares on a discount of more than 50 per cent to the market. They have risen a long way since the grim days last summer, but there is further to go.

A. McAlpine

THE timing of Alfred McAlpine in buying the 40 per cent minority of its homes division last September could not have been better. The division has fulfilled the group's early hopes and struggled back into profits in the second half of the year as completions rose by 6 per cent to 1,259.

The message from McAlpine, as from other large housebuilders, is mixed. Lower mortgage rates have stimulated interest in housing but much of that has yet to be converted into cash. If that interest is sustained, McAlpine's margins will widen steadily as it benefits from the fall in land prices. If the group's forecasts are correct, the cost of land as a proportion of the average house price will fall by 4 percentage points to 21.8 per cent this year. The outlook in contracting in Britain is far less optimistic. The workload contains too high a proportion of low-margin public sector work and the division is unlikely to pull out of operating losses this year.

A sharp rise in interest costs this year will depress group profits and the company warns shareholders there will be a loss in the first half. Graeme Odgers has considerably reduced the group's risk profile during his two-and-a-half years as chief executive, but he needs to be succeeded by someone of sufficient calibre to continue work on the cost base and improve margins that have been unacceptably thin for too long.



Competition

TRADE secretaries may have rejected 19 recommendations by the Office of Fair Trading since 1976 but Michael Heseltine's decision to overrule its competition adviser twice in the past fortnight suggests there has been a change in government competition policy.

A combined Airtours' and Owners Abroad which would control up to 60 per cent of some segments of the holiday market was certainly a *prima facie* case for an MMC referral. By overturning the OFT Mr Heseltine has decided there are overriding arguments to waive the bid through.

The decision has a post-recessionary flavour. It implies that the government will treat bids and mergers more liberally than in the late eighties so long as they create financially robust companies and do not create outrageous monopolies.

Owners Abroad's options are limited. The 129p closing price suggests that Airtours will succeed with a modestly improved final offer. The best that Owners can do is go back to the negotiating table, wring an increased offer out of Airtours, and prepare for merger.

Utd Biscuits

HOWEVER good an acquisition United Biscuits makes these days, one cannot help wishing it were making a disposal instead. It has done a stream of deals in recent years without a dramatic transformation in earnings. Having bitten off another £250 million since last November, with the purchases of CCA Snacks and Bake-Line, some consolidation would be welcome.

That said, the acquisition of Derwent Valley Foods, has a convincing strategic rationale. While UB is the market leader in the £1.5 billion UK snack food market with a share of over 36 per cent, it only has 4 per cent of the rapidly-growing adult premium sector which Phileas Fogg dominates. The substantial synergies in marketing, buying power and distribution mean a high proportion of Phileas Fogg's turnover will filter straight to UB's bottom line. Keeping Derwent's management is a sensible move as it will limit the distractions for UB's already stretched resources.

There are plenty of positives, but with dividend cover down to 1.4 times and little prospect of an increase this year, shareholders must be feeling the deals are coming in the wrong order.

Wickes

WICKES has made one serious strategic mistake but it has been paying for it ever since. The acquisition of Hunter, the timber merchant, in 1988 at the top of the cycle continues to depress results which were at the bottom end of forecasts.

Hunter has amassed losses of £40 million since 1990, although last year's loss of £12.5 million is 40 per cent less than the previous year. These figures masked impressive figures from Wickes' retail operations which rose by 25 per cent in the UK and 51 per cent in Europe.

Shareholders should be cautiously optimistic, and will probably see a dividend this year for the first time since 1990.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Bell Lawrie White deal near

TALK among the wags at Harry's Bar in Edinburgh yesterday had it that Brewin Dolphin, the small London private client firm, is on the verge of acquiring Bell Lawrie White, the Scottish broking subsidiary of TSB that was put on the auction block about a year ago. Reliable sources say negotiations, which have until now remained shrouded in secrecy, are in their final stages. The deal, which is expected to result in redundancies in Brewin's London operation, will come as a big disappointment to Leg & Mason, the American firm believed to be the frontrunner, and Gerrard Vivian Gray, the Holborn private client firm, which had also expressed an interest. Stay tuned for more developments ...

In play

BANKERS at the US offices of National Westminster appear in need of some nimble business acumen as owners of the world's most famous basketball team, the Harlem Globetrotters. The bank is poised to take a near-80 per cent hit on its loans to International Broadcasting Corporation (IBC), the Globetrotters' parent company, which went into chapter 11 protection against bankruptcy 18 months ago, owing NatWest $59 million. NatWest, which now owns IBC, has received an offer for the company. The $10 million bid came from Century Park Pictures, whose president is Tom Scallen, 66, who headed IBC when it filed for protection. Scallen says: "The bank has recouped some money from the sale of IBC's amusement parks, but there is no doubt they will take a substantial write-off on this deal."

Ticking away

FEW opera aficionados would necessarily know that Sir Nicholas Goodison, the TSB chairman, is also a renowned horologist. But when the curtain went up on the new ENO production of *Don Pasquale* at the Coliseum, it might not have surprised those cognisant of the former Stock Exchange chairman's passion to see a clock with the correct time ticking on centre stage. The clock had nothing to do with the opera's plot: but Don Pasquale, poised to lose all his money, thanks to his extravagant wife, sings with much anguish about his impending bankruptcy and could clearly use some financial advice. Perhaps Joe Vanek, the set designer, thought an in-joke rather appropriate: TSB is sponsoring the opera, and Sir Nicholas, of course, is also the ENO chairman.



"Well, back to the drawing board"

AS GRAHAM Gooch, the England cricket captain, contemplates his future after England's humiliating defeat in Bombay, spare a thought for Whittingdale, the independent investment management firm that has sponsored the team's coaching for almost two years. Whittingdale, which has committed itself to investing £1 million in the team until the 1994-5 Ashes tour in Australia, insists it has no plans to bail out just yet. "Surely, the defeat means their need for coaching has never been greater," says Jeremy Olford, a spokesman. "Our business is about taking the long-term view. Lack of success is no indication of our willingness to continue supporting the team."

Charity skate-in

A DISABLED ice-making machine at Broadgate recently dealt Sense, the charity for deaf and blind children, a veritable body blow. Hopes of raising thousands of pounds in the annual ice-skating race, its biggest fundraising event, melted away until Slaughter & May thought up an alternative challenge. Today, teams from 19 City firms will don roller skates starting at 11.15am at Paternoster Square, where a full-length roller rink, skates, helmets, knee-pads and "good music" will be awaiting the participants, who are expected to raise £20,000 in sponsorship.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Peril of directors' loan guarantees

From Mr A. Layland

Sir, I feel that I must write concerning directors' responsibilities to creditors and guarantees given.

In 1989 I joined a company as a director and in 1990 I guaranteed a loan for the company with my house as security. In 1991 I was dismissed from the company. In October 1992 the managing director was sent to prison for four years on serious fraud charges. However my guarantee to the bank remained.

The bank has been very fair in the situation and promised not to call on the £45,000 guarantee but await until the sale of the property. The problem arises now that my daughter is getting married and I cannot raise £5,000 necessary for the wedding due to there already being a second charge on my property.

I would wish to draw to the attention of all directors the need to consider carefully their position before entering into guarantees and to look closely at their responsibilities under the 1985-6 Companies Act.

Yours faithfully,
A. LAYLAND,
18 Central Road,
Bromsgrove, Worcs.

Wedgwood products are perfectly safe

From Mr Kneale Ashwell

Sir, Philip Robinson in his article "Lead on the menu with breakfast at Tiffany's" (February 22) cites that "the Environmental Defense Fund, the pressure group based in America, (which) led the fight to have the lead content in Wedgwood products reduced ...".

Such a comment, in the context of the article about Tiffany's own brand china, which has been withdrawn from sale because its lead levels could exceed US safety limits by "more than 100 times the American legal limit", is seriously misleading with its implication that Wedgwood products have similarly been singled out by EDF.

In fact, Wedgwood Group products fully comply with all 35 international tableware safety standards, as shown by our own extensive testing programme and in turn supported by independent laboratory test results. Wedgwood was not singled out by EDF.

The State of California recently introduced legislation requiring warnings to be given when minute amounts of a whole range of chemicals are present in the atmosphere, or in consumer products.

A coalition of leading UK, US, European and Japanese ceramic manufacturers — including Wedgwood — recently reached agreement with the State Attorney General and EDF to work towards even stricter standards than those that already exist for ceramic tableware, and to contribute towards an educational programme to help consumers understand how to select and use tableware products.

Wedgwood products are perfectly safe to use and I trust that this letter will correct the misleading implications in Mr Robinson's article.

Yours faithfully,
KNEALE ASHWELL
(Chief Executive Officer),
Waterford Wedgwood
UK Plc,
Barlaston,
Stoke-on-Trent,
Staffordshire.

A small business interest rate relief scheme is needed

From Mr Mike Scott-Hayward

Sir, The Chancellor must grasp the nettle which threatens to strangle small businesses.

Many lobbyists will already have highlighted burdens which fall disproportionately on small businesses. Mr Lamont should use his next Budget to level the market place within the UK.

It is rumoured that the Treasury may produce additional resources to help new business start-ups. The problem this creates is that the Treasury cannot guarantee only to pick winners. Moreover, new start schemes ignore existing small businesses which may yet go under because of unfair business rates, high administrative costs and accrued debts built up because of the unfairly high interest rates over base exacted from small concerns. These are the areas which the government must correct.

Mr Lamont could spread any resource available, in grants through a small business interest rate relief scheme. Grants should go only towards the payment of the interest over base, if not the whole interest, which qualifying small businesses already pay the banks.

In other words, the Chancellor should determine to help existing and new small businesses which commercial banks, rather than a quango, have already assessed as reasonable risks. To qualify, small businesses should have a turnover below a reasonable threshold.

The small and private business sector is the engine of the economy, and as the chief engineer of that economy, the Chancellor should undertake some proper care and maintenance routines of existing machinery. A small business interest rate relief scheme could be coupled with two other simple measures, to lighten, and even alter the direction of the burden of recession.

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Yours faithfully,
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From Herr Hanns Rauchhaupt

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ACCOUNTANCY

MPs press for shake-up to end abuse of external audits

BY AUSTIN MITCHELL AND JIM COUSINS

EXTERNAL audits should be a weapon of accountability and corporate discipline. Sadly, that weapon is being abused. Accountancy firms enjoy a statutory monopoly of the external audit function. Yet they are so big and competition is so intense that their main interest is no longer in auditing and the quality of audit is being diluted.

Selling services in consultancy, tax or insolvency is their main business. Audit is the salesman's foot in the door that enables them to sell other services. Inevitably, this leads to a debasement of audit. It is a betrayal of the role. Statutory privileges are not given to auditors to be used as a market stall to peddle their other goods and services but are part of a covenant under which companies and directors can be called to account.

In many episodes recently, this has certainly not been the case and we can see why. Low-balling is rife. The main firms engage in competitive price cuts. Free first-year audits are being offered. Competition is about price rather than quality. The preoccupation is accommodating directors ("the client") and permitting them flexibility rather than invigilating them or informing shareholders and markets.

Shareholders pay good money to auditors, yet the only way they can learn whether the composition of audit teams is adequate, about reduced audit effort to cut costs, passive audits, poverty of auditing practices, premature signing of audit reports or audit failures, is when a company collapses. Until then, poor audit quality remains invisible. In good years, increasing profits and asset values cover deficiencies. In bad times, weaknesses are laid bare and the bitter consequences emerge as crises, scandals, collapses. Ensuing trade and industry department reports reveal too many audits as a cruel deception.



Making a call to account: Austin Mitchell, left, and Jim Cousins, both Labour MPs, who believe that reforms are needed to stop the quality of auditing being diluted

The accountancy bodies in their capacity as recognised supervisory bodies are supposed to regulate the industry and protect consumer interests. They represent producer interests. The mafia cannot regulate the mafia. RSBs dominated by big firms, who are the cause of the problem, cannot combine trade association and regulatory roles.

Recent annual reports by RSBs to the DTI show that only a small proportion of firms inspected come up to scratch and reveal audits of dismal quality, even by UK standards. Yet the public will not be told the names of the firms producing poor work. If monopoly producers of goods or services produced poor products, but were still allowed to retain their monopoly, there would be an outcry. There should be one about auditing.

The RSBs will not provide a list of the firms that deliver poor work so that the public can make informed choices. Yet the RSBs enjoy immunities from lawsuits. In the rare cases when the DTI publishes its reports, and shows the poverty of audit work, it takes no action against the auditors.

The buck is passed to the accountancy trade associations. They do very little. No partner criticised in DTI reports has ever been debarred from practising. There has been no investigation into the overall standards of any of the firms criticised in them. The accountancy bodies exonerated all audit partners criticised in the Alexander Howden and Minet Insurance frauds that shook the financial and the insurance world. Their excuse? Too much time had lapsed since the original events to take any action. Ronald Biggs should apply for membership.

Auditing needs fundamental reform. Tinkering with the audit report and tighter auditing standards are necessary but fail to deal with the root causes of failure. Real reforms must target institutions, with an independent and publicly accountable regulator to guarantee independence, accountability and quality.

No one can ignore the fact that two important public principles are being abused in auditing. Public monopolies are conferred for public purposes not to be used as a market stall to peddle services for private advantage, particularly when public purposes are being debased in the process.

Regulators are not put in place to regulate in their own interests. When the betrayal of these two principles leads, as it has in auditing, to squalid failures, a growing mess and a widespread perception of inadequacy in this crucial aspect of corporate control, the conclusion is inescapable. It is time for the government to set up a full, open and independent, public enquiry into the auditing industry.

Opening an old can of worms



AUDIT

ROBERT BRUCE

THE people who run the accountancy profession obviously feel that they have too little to do. Forget that audit scandals rebound around their ears, forget all that stuff about "closing the expectation gap", forget all the problems of rebuilding a coherent financial reporting system virtually from scratch, forget that they are charged by the trade and industry secretary with the crime of continuing to flood the country with negative accountants obsessed with cost-cutting.

In spite of all these difficulties, the profession's action this week shows that it still thinks it has time to rummage in the back of its store cupboard, select an elderly can of worms and see what happens if it tries a bright new tin opener on the lid. Or to put it another way, the profession has served notice that it would like to reopen the debate on unifying the profession.

This week, it is sending questionnaires to 25,000 randomly selected members to "test grassroots opinion properly" before "we and our councils can decide whether or not to develop any proposals for structural reform". Attempts to unify the profession have a long and noble history. Unfortunately, they also have a long record of prompting very effective opposition and have always resulted in defeat for the proposals. But they are also enticing. They have a great appeal to tidy minds and civil servants. The UK has an enormous accounting profession that is currently rattling towards the 200,000 mark. But it is organised via six separate bodies which have grown up either as geographically based bodies, the English, Scots and Irish ICAs, as bodies covering particular functions such as management accounting or the public sector, CIMA and CIPFA, or are historical throwbacks to the days when accounting was a highly elitist profession and there needed to be an organisation that opened up a good qualification to the less well-off, the ACCA.

To the outside world, it would be much more understandable if all accountants were members of the same body. But with the numbers involved and the very different disciplines and traditions it would be very hard to achieve.

As a result of the defeat of a merger effort in 1970, the profession invented an umbrella body called the consultative committee of accountancy bodies, CCAB, run by the presidents and secretariats of the bodies which attempts to act on issues where they feel a common voice is required. It is a cumbersome structure and not noted for its speed. The current English president described it a few weeks ago as operating about as fast as a glacier moving uphill. But having put the proposals for market research through the relevant councils, it now wants to take another look at the "rationalisation" question.

They are either very brave or have short memories. Back in 1989, efforts to merge the Scots and English ICAs into a "British Institute" perished amid a welter of nationalism from the Scots. A subsequent effort by the English to merge with CIPFA, the public sector accounting body, failed through simple lack of enthusiasm. Both initiatives left the leaders of the bodies concerned badly bruised.

With hindsight, the British institute proposals were lost because they coincided with a wider tide of nationalism which culminated the following spring with the Scots winning the rugby "Grand Slam" in a welter of flags and choruses of "O Flower of Scotland". Against that tide, accounting and political logic was always going to limp in second with studmarks on its hands. It is sad because, had the Scots membership realised how moribund the English council was at the time and had they remembered how good the Scots are at dominating far-flung chunks of Empire, even as far away as Moorgate Place, they might have wrapped up the British institute as their own. But they did not and even now the grassroots membership are dusting down the old arguments to convince the English to think again. As in 1989, they will be suggesting that there is a hidden agenda here. And there probably is. The first is that starting a lengthy process via a very detailed piece of market research is one way of showing the government that efforts are being made that might lessen the threat of the imposition of a Securities and Exchange Commission. This is unlikely. The department of trade and industry has not argued strongly for rationalisation.

There is another possible reason. In this week's *Accountancy Age*, the chairman of the CCAB working party which came up with the market research idea, Mike Lickiss, the English past-president, argues that there is a global reason. He suggests that in the long term, the UK profession will, by continuing to operate on several fronts, fail to capitalise on the opportunities that the need for accounting training, standards and leadership across the world is creating.

In that he is probably right. The pressure is growing. Shell's enormous loss through what looks like poor Japanese internal controls has dramatised that this week.

Unfortunately, as the past has shown, members need more than altruism to convince them that the rationalisaton route should be followed.

The author is the Associate Editor of Accountancy Age

ACCOUNTANCY LETTER

Slanted view of basic quality

From the Executive Secretary of The Association of Authorised Public Accountants

Sir, Robert Bruce's article "Cornering the duds at the corner shop" (January 21) gave a slanted view of the basic quality of professional auditing work of members of this association.

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None of the recognised supervisory bodies, nor indeed the Department of Trade and Industry officials, are the least surprised that the number of auditors inspected is less than satisfactory, bearing in mind that the UK auditing profession is now going through one of the most extensive and fundamental reorganisations of its working methods.

The figures quoted are capable of manipulation to any desired degree, according to one's point of view. Another reasonable analysis of the statistics shows the members of the AAPA are considerably above the standards of all other RSB members.

All the RSBs are experiencing approximately the same level of first-year underachievement results. In my view, the new regime which now changes the working methods of auditors must be viewed over a period of at least five years.

Each RSB has monitored only a relatively small percentage of its "registered auditors" and consequently can, in this first commencing year, only provide figures which are more misleading than helpful.

There were seven firms visited out of the 49 AAPA member firms that proved to be unacceptable. The remainder were either good, reasonable, or less than perfect in detail, which in every case except two quickly remedied their defects before the yearly report of the association was submitted to the secretary of state.

Yours sincerely,
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British multinationals braced for a double Dutch tax threat

BY HUGH ROWLAND, KEITH GREGORY AND STEPHEN CHARGE

EVEN before President Clinton gears up his campaign to make foreign investors pay more tax in America, Washington has made life harder for British multinational groups. The Dutch-American double tax treaty, which is expected to be ratified this year, may have a dramatic effect on British multinationals holding their American investments through a Dutch company. These groups face a minimum 40 per cent increase in US taxes.

The new treaty represents the culmination of an aggressive effort by America to prevent what is known as "treaty shopping" — the use of a holding company in a country that has a favourable tax treaty with America, such as The Netherlands, to avoid or reduce US taxes.

The most striking aspect of the treaty is the wide-ranging anti-abuse provision, which is designed to restrict the use of the treaty by investors in a third country. The use of a Dutch company to hold overseas investments has long been a key part of the international tax planning strategy of most British multinationals.

The UK levies tax on dividends received from overseas, but there is relief, known as double tax relief, for any overseas taxes incurred. The rules for double tax relief mean most UK multinationals would end up paying a higher effective rate of tax on their overseas profits than on the domestic profits.

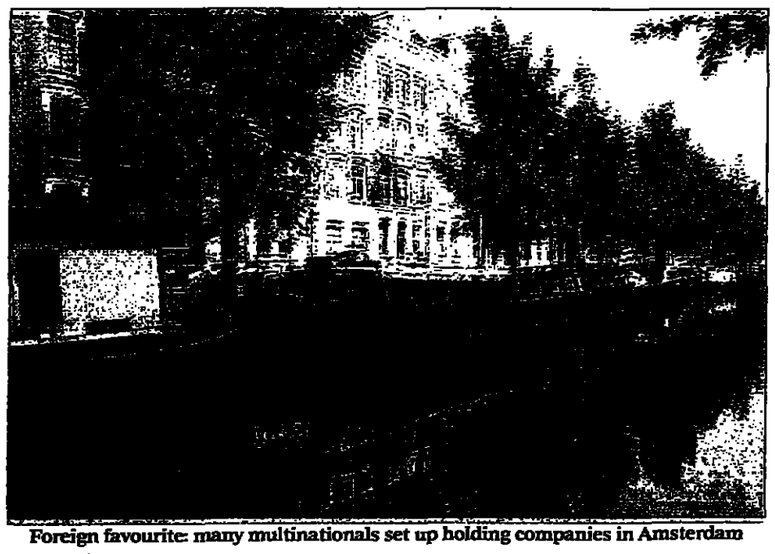
Accordingly, many UK multinationals have established holding companies in The Netherlands — often known as "mixer companies" — to receive dividends from overseas companies in the group. Some of the income received by the mixer company will have been taxed in a foreign country at a higher rate than it would have been in the UK, some will have been taxed at a lower rate. By aggregating the high and low-taxed income in the mixer company, a multinational is able to maximise its double tax relief to reduce its overall tax liability.

The treaty's anti-abuse provision does not distinguish between a Dutch company that has been established by investors in a third country with the sole purpose of avoiding US taxes and one that has been established by a UK multinational as a dividend mixer company without any intention of avoiding American taxes. Instead, a Dutch company will qualify for the main treaty benefits only if it satisfies certain business activity and ownership tests, which a typical dividend mixer company would be unable to meet. Moreover, there is no general exemption from the anti-abuse provision that would maintain benefits for Dutch companies owned by shareholders resident in countries whose tax treaties with America are at least as favourable as the Dutch treaty.

Multinationals based in Britain have to contend with excessive taxation rates caused by the UK's rules for set-off of advance corporation tax suffered on dividends paid to shareholders. The ACT problem has been the source of continual lobbying by the multinationals, who can justifiably point out that the UK's taxation regime already makes it an unattractive place to base an international group. The US/Dutch treaty is liable to exacerbate the problems for multinationals based in the UK, some of which are rumoured to be considering moving.

One solution might lie in a procedure in the treaty under which case-by-case applications can be made to the US tax authorities for a ruling that the anti-abuse provision does not apply to a particular Dutch company. There will also be time to adjust. The treaty does not take effect at least until the year after ratification. If it is ratified this year, UK multinationals will need to re-examine the use of a Dutch mixer company to hold their US investments and a new approach to international tax planning may be needed.

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Foreign favourite: many multinationals set up holding companies in Amsterdam

Customs sets a value-added trap for holding companies

A change in VAT rules could cost firms hundreds of millions of pounds, argues **Richard Watson**

PEOPLE say that history goes in cycles and the same is true of value-added tax.

Back in 1987, Customs and Excise decided that companies should not be able to deduct VAT on activities such as acquiring or disposing of businesses. The resulting outcry persuaded it to back down, but last October it returned to the charge. It issued a press notice announcing that, as a result of a European Court case, it had changed its approach to holding company costs.

The case concerned Polysar, a Dutch intermediate holding company that did nothing but hold the shares of its subsidiaries, receive dividends from them and pay dividends up to its parent.

However, it was registered for VAT and recovered the tax that it had incurred on its costs. The Dutch authorities argued, and the European Court agreed, that it should not be able to reclaim that tax, since it was not "carrying out an economic activity".

As a result, Customs decided that not carrying out an economic activity equated to not being in business, which is the equivalent UK legal concept. It announced that, from March 1 this year, holding companies exercising their holding company activities would not be in business and, therefore, would not be able to recover any VAT on those costs.

The view in Price Waterhouse and other professional firms was that Customs had taken the European Court ruling much too far and would realise this eventually.

How wrong we were. In January this year, a Customs "Business Brief" attempted to divide the activities of all holding companies into business and non-business sectors. Any VAT on costs incurred in relation to the non-business sector would not be deductible. A holding company for these purposes was any company that had a subsidiary.

Reaction ranged from incredulity, through anger and surprise, to detailed analyses of why the conclusions of Customs and Excise were utterly wrong. Strong representations were made that the decision should be reversed.

Customs is reviewing its position and it now seems certain that the starting date for the new rules will be delayed until April 1. That start date would always have made more sense, but the rethink by Customs has apparently produced wider changes than simply postponing the date. Although the original principles have been maintained, it seems that the approach by Customs has changed significantly. Rather than trying to divide all the activities of a holding company into business or non-business, Customs has, at last, admitted what it was always attempting to do. That is, to prevent recovery of VAT on activities relating to major changes in the structure of a business, such as acquisitions, disposals, reorganisations and defence against takeovers.

The new approach has a substantial advantage over its predecessor. It will simplify life for holding company accountants, as it will no longer always be necessary to attribute VAT to one activity or another. This will become relevant only when the activities are exceptional and tend to be treated as such within the accounting framework.

However, the main economic impact of the change is still there. The revenue to be raised from the change will almost certainly run into hundreds of millions of pounds, all of which must still be borne by businesses.

The impact will be unforeseen and arbitary. To quote one example, buying a business by buying its shares will be caught: but buying the same business by buying its assets, will not.

It is worth pointing out that this new taxation will be raised without any change in legislation. Parliament has been given no opportunity to comment on these proposals.

There will undoubtedly be legal challenges to the new policies of the Customs but, in the end, companies will try to do what they always do when faced with unreasonable taxes — avoid them.

Customs may consider such avoidance to be "unacceptable", in the language of the recent National Audit Office report on the avoidance of VAT, but it has only itself to blame if, as result of an extended interpretation of an obscure court case, it stimulates the very avoidance industry that it is trying to wipe out.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Challenge for the Chancellor

THE run-up to the Budget could prove embarrassing for Norman Lamont this year. March 5 will see the final of the Chancellor Challenge, an annual event sponsored by Ernst & Young and National Westminster Bank, in which school children are given a chance to "run" the British economy with the aid of computers — and usually end up making a better job of it. Teenagers from 11 schools in Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Sheffield take over from the Chancellor for a simulated eight-year period, using interest rates, income tax, VAT and Corporation Tax to offset swings in economic growth, exchange rates, inflation and unemployment.

Student sponsor

THE name of Arthur Andersen will be engraved on the minds of some 1,500 students next month, thanks to its sponsorship of the 45th annual congress of AISEC, the world's largest student association. The event will attract delegates from 74 countries and runs for ten days. To hedge its bets, Andersen has teamed up with *Cosmopolitan* magazine to sponsor the High Flyer MBA Award, open to young businesswomen between 23 and 35, which will pay the cost of a ten-month MBA course at the European Institute of Business Administration in Fontainebleau, France. Entries must be in by March 8. More on 081-958 2336.

Man of vision

MEANWHILE, Andersen Consulting is proudly trumpeting a 25 per cent jump in revenue of its British business to £215 million last year, way better than the trend. Keith Burgess, its evangelistic managing partner, says some big businesses have realised their need to make changes in performance during recession and to bring in strategic consultants rather than economise on their fees. "Research shows that industrial leaders know what has to be done but all too rarely take the necessary action" he enthuses. As an example: "while many recognised that a vision and strategy are essential to success, the great majority do not communicate it to their workforce". Perhaps that was because the vision and strategy involved axing many of their jobs, as accountancy firms could testify.

Seeking success

PANNELL Kerr Forster is backing a competition to find the most successful small and medium-sized company in seven different regions of England and Wales. A company of the year will be chosen from a series of regional winners. In keeping with the times, an environmental award has been introduced this year. Application forms from the co-sponsor: *Commerce Magazine*, Station House, Station Road, Newport Pagnell MK16 0AG.

Available evidence

KPMG Forensic Accounting gave the need for approximation in accounts a new twist when it admitted that its finding of £468 million reported fraud last year might be 90 per cent out on the true level. The cause is soberly explained in the Auditing Practices Board's new user guide, which notes the snags in investigations: "In particular, all parties must recognise that any report may be limited by a lack of available evidence, for instance, because frequently fraudsters destroy records in order to cover their tracks". *Quelle surprise.*

JON ASHWORTH

Equities cautious

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began February 15. Dealings end February 26. §Contango day March 1. Settlement day March 8. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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1	VTR	Paper,Print	
2	Pict Pet	Oils,Gas	
3	Kinross	Mining	
4	Durban	Mining	
5	Barbour Index	Business Serv	
6	Welsh Water	Water	
7	St Helena	Mining	
8	Welkom	Mining	
9	Gr Portland	Property	
10	Winkels	Mining	
11	Thames Water	Water	
12	Adscene	Newspapr,Pub	
13	Clinton Cards	Drapery,Strs	
14	Mandarin Orntl	Hotels,Ctr	
15	Stand Chart	Banks,Disc	
16	Scot Met	Property	
17	Hammerson	Property	
18	Taylor Woodrw	Building,Rds	
19	Lloyd Thomp	Insurance	
20	Britannic	Insurance	
21	Wstrn Mining	Mining	
22	Manweb	Electricity	
23	Takeda Chem	Industrial	
24	Elandsrand	Mining	
25	Paterson Zoch	Chems,Plas	
26	Hill & Smith	Industrial	
27	Nthn Foods	Foods	
28	Airtours	Leisure	
29	Eurotunnel Uts	Transport	
30	Bletchley Mtr	Motors,Air	
31	Harmony	Mining	
32	Acorn Comp	Electrical	
33	Low & Bonar	Industrial	
34	Macro 4	Electrical	
35	Harties	Mining	
36	Elliott (B)	Industrial	
37	TI	Industrial	
38	Ward Hldgs	Building,Rds	
39	Renison	Mining	
40	GWR Gp	Leisure	
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BUILDING, ROADS (continued)

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
75	19	McCarthy & S	31	-3	0.5	8.1	...
433	181	Meyer Intl	329	-4	16.5	6.7	33.9
14	4	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
171	52	Mowlem (J)	86	+1	10.5	...	...
78	18	NSM	74	...	...	...	...
165	90	Newman Tnks	130	...	...	8.2	-
327	146	Persimmon	227	..	4.6	5.1	18.7
36	19	Phoenix Timber	24	...	...	...	...
1625	1150	Pochins	1475	..	29.0	2.7	8.9
155	66	Prowting	89	...	3.4	5.1	...
23	3¼	Quiligotti	6¾	...	...	...	...
609	383	RMC Gp	605	...	30.0	4.4	22.5
137	67	Raine Ind	116	-1	6.0	6.9	19.4
96	22	Ransom	22	-2	...	...	...
565	300	Redland	480	+5	25.0	7.2	28.6
101	61	Roskel	72	..	4.3	8.0	9.6
248	152	Rugby Group	231	-2	8.4	3.7	17.4
48	25	Rydd-Rve	33	...	...	...	5.9
98	50	Sharpe & Fisher	79	...	4.0	6.8	...
142	70	Sheffield Insl	142	...	5.4	5.1	36.7
90	53	Sherill Hldgs	89	...	..	3.0	13.3
86	53	Shorco	84	+1	...	8.3	12.9
272	188	Sman (J)	228	..	8.5	5.0	10.4
15	4¾	Starmin	5¾	...	0.3	7.6	6.3
161	51	Tarmac	106	-5	5.5	6.9	43.8
236	129	Tay Homes	185	...	5.8	4.2	10.2
143	34	Taylor Woodrw	85	+3	9.5	...	12.0
688	308	Tilbury Dougls	550	...	33.0	8.3	17.5
48	18	Torex Hire	23	...	...	2.3	...
228	105	Travis Perkins	181	...	8.0	5.9	25.6
58	20	Try Group	31	...	6.0	...	4.2
38	26	Tudor	26	...	...	...	...
106	45	Vibroplant	62	...	3.6	7.7	11.4
55	12	Ward Hldgs	33	+3	...	...	...
43	23	Waterhouse	36	...	...	...	...
475	266	Watts Blake	480	..	9.3	2.7	23.9
19	8	Wescol	8	...	...	...	...
129	45	Westbury	117	...	...	5.5	..
18	4¾	West Scaffold	11	-1	...	...	...
22	2	Wiggins	5	...	...	...	...
481	215	Wilson Bowdn	381	-2	8.7	3.0	19.5
221	96	Wilson (C)	164	...	3.9	3.2	26.0
189	65	Wimpey G	138	-2	...	5.1	53.0
81	25	YRM	28 ↑	...	4.0	...	3.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
543	343	ADT	516	...	...	...	-
248	193	Adam & Harvey	228	...	11.0	6.4	3.6
127	53	Air London	87	-1	...	5.4	10.7
63	34	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.7	9.3
152	81	Amb Sec	135	-1	4.9	4.8	11.0
208	80	BET Ord	89¾	+1	...	9.7	13.1
100	41	BNB Res	67	-2	4.9	9.8	7.9
318	208	BPP	311	...	6.9	3.0	17.6
285	178	Barbour Index	272	+2	7.2	3.6	20.2
30¾	13	Boustead	17	...	0.7	5.5	34.8
231	111	Brit Data Mgt	231	+1	...	2.3	19.3
14	9	Broadcastle	13	...	...	...	...
101	58	Brooks Service	61	...	4.0	...	19.4
142	72	CRT Gp	92	...	2.4	3.5	10.5
479	262	Capita Group	471	+3	6.3	1.8	-
36	19	Casket Plc	33	-¼	0.5	2.0	12.6
270	25¼	Chiltern Capital	52	...	...	...	...
39	22	Christie	28	...	...	...	...
282	180	Chubb Sec	271	-1	...	1.4	29.9
43	18	Comaca	32	...	...	...	...
31	9¼	Corp Services	14	...	...	...	...
123	48	Dart	76	-2	3.3	5.8	8.6
216	145	Davis Service	206	...	7.9	5.2	15.6
115	85	EW Fact	97	-1	...	5.9	7.2
57	8	Gardiner	13¾	..	1.3	12.8	4.2
48	21	Gardner (DC)	26	...	...	...	...
246	163	Hays	243	...	4.6	2.5	23.9
251	167¼	Hogg Robinson	200	-1	6.3	4.2	15.0
143¼	43	Holmes Protectn	69	...	...	...	...
156	98	Hutch Whamp	155	...	...	...	16.7
1114¾	687¼	ISS B DKr	£109¾	-175	...	1.0	15.5
595	375	Inchcape	594	+5	12.5	2.8	25.2
785	561	Johnson Clean	785	...	25.7	4.4	16.3
18¾	7¼	Lep	9¾	...	...	...	...
244	168	Mitie Gp	225 ↑	...	2.7	1.6	18.5
1187	682	Manpower	1100	...	...	...	...
44¼	32¼	Michael Page	44	...	1.8	5.5	12.2
251	88	Pennas	251	+1	...	1.1	63.0
5¼	2	Prime People	2¼	...	...	...	...
398	68	Proudfoot Alex	101	-1	19.5	25.7	2.1
453	355	RCO	420	...	12.8	4.5	14.1
183	117	REA	118	...	4.0	4.5	...
81	48	Reed Executive	54	-1	...	...	...
165	117	Reliance Sec	146	...	...	4.1	14.6
13	4	Rentaminster	4 #	...	...	...	...
227	134	Rentokil	219	+2	1.6	1.0	32.2
248	180	Rolfe & Nolan	248	...	6.2	3.3	16.6
389	234	Salvesen (C)	387	...	7.0	2.4	21.4
43	25	Scott Pickford	32	...	...	3.3	8.8
206	98	Securiguard	198 ↑	+1	9.4	6.3	-
12	1¼	Select Appt	5¾	...	...	...	...
768	555	Serco Gp	758	...	11.9	2.1	24.2
317	131	Sherwd Cmpt	316	+1	...	3.5	8.5
157	62¼	Sketchley	115	-1	3.0	3.5	14.0
360	270	Warner Howrd	348	...	5.9	2.3	19.7
81	40	Welpac	40	...	0.6	2.0	...
22¼	7¼	Wills Gp	21¼	...	...	0.7	23.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	162	Allied Colloids	245	-3	3.9	2.1	19.5
731	413	Amersham	727	-3	12.5	2.3	27.0
31¼	5¼	Anglo Utd	5¼	..	0.8	...	...
9862¼	7362¼	BASF DM	9712¼	...	...	8.1	...
260	201	BTP	226	-1	8.8	4.6	18.9
£119	9090	Bayer DM50	£119¾	-62¼	...	4.9	...
248	126	Blagden	138	...	9.5	9.2	9.9
158	115	Brent Chems	147	...	7.3	6.7	69.5
530	418	Br Bio-Tech	475	-6	...	...	...
95	13	Caird Gp	23	...	2.5	15.0	5.8
179	112	Canning (W)	148	+1	7.2	6.6	11.9
616	371	Courtaulds	560	-5	13.0	3.1	15.2
270¾	142	Croda	250	-2	7.5	4.0	19.0
211	152	Ellis & Everard	188	-2	7.0	5.0	17.1
16¾	7	Euro Colour	15¾	..	0.6	5.6	...
139	43	Evode	138	...	3.5	3.5	-
281	171	Halstead (J)	281	...	...	2.8	15.0
227	158	Hickson	223	-1	7.8	4.7	14.2
£114¾	7537¼	Hoechst	£111¼	-112¾	...	7.1	...
1410	975	ICI	1082	+8	55.0	6.8	26.1
687	434	Laporte	680	...	18.9	3.7	18.3
329	138	Leigh	308	-1	7.8	5.0	17.0
290	11	MTM	14¼	+¼	1.8	...	2.9
1687¼	1100	Norsk Hydro	1587¼	-25	...	1.8	-
413	360	Paterson Zoch	413	+3	11.4	3.7	17.8
395	355	-do- 'A'	373	...	11.4	4.1	16.1
301	231	Plysu	262	...	6.0	3.1	17.6
206	130	Porvair	205	...	3.6	2.4	-
13	4¼	Sutcliffe Speak	12	...	...	...	...
475	329	Wardle Storeys	430	-3	16.0	5.0	17.3
485	270	Wolstnhlme R	445	...	16.3	4.9	19.5
390	249¼	Yorks Chem	374 ↑	-14	...	2.8	...
295	214	Yule Catto	295	...	5.4	2.4	17.9

DRAPERY, STORES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
382	63	Alexon	80	...	...	5.0	4.3
109	23	Amber Day	48	-2	3.1	8.6	13.2
305	100	Argos Plc	269	-3	6.4	3.2	18.7
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	77	...	0.1	0.2	...
305	180	Asprey	293	...	...	2.2	23.8
340	180	Austin Reed	195	...	6.0	...	56.8
190	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	143	+1	5.7	5.4	13.7
144	74	Bentalls	114	+1	3.8	4.5	64.3
266	86	Betterware	243	-1	...	0.7	33.5
114	22	Blacks Leis	25	-1	3.3	...	5.2
171	133	Body Shop	152	+1	1.6	1.4	17.5
14¼	3	Brown & Jackson	13¾	...	...	...	...
361	260	Brown (N)	357	...	6.0	2.2	22.1
90¾	5	Burton	73	+¼	...	3.7	...
320	126	Cantors	143	...	...	2.5	19.0
358	245	Church	305	...	12.5	5.5	25.1
146	58	Clinton Cards	134	+6	3.7	3.7	...
231	151	Coats Viyella	228	...	7.0	4.3	25.7
163	77	Colourvision	99	...	...	...	16.7
416	300	Courts Furnish	413	-1	5.0	1.6	20.7
152	100	Crown Eyes	130	...	...	6.2	6.0
111	65	Dairy Farm Intl	96	+1	...	...	15.5
57	27¼	Dewhirst (IJ)	56	...	0.7	1.7	15.6
286	179	Dixons Grp	218	...	6.0	3.7	25.6
495	355	Dunhill	376	...	7.7	2.7	13.0
13	12¼	ERA Gp	14	...	...	...	6.5
780	490	Elys (Wimbldn)	485	...	16.0	4.4	10.8
115	36¼	Essex Furn	111	...	...	3.3	18.6
258	199	Etam	222	+5	6.6	4.0	19.8
558	340	Fine Art Dev	558	+15	11.0	2.6	21.4
80	26	Fired Earth Tiles	42	...	4.0	...	30.7
500	438	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
40	5	French Conn	40	+2	...	...	...
75	21	Gabbicci	32	+1	...	8.5	6.4
69	39	Gent SR	51	...	2.0	5.2	15.0
41	18	Goldsmiths Gp	39	...	1.8	...	...
2550	1800	GUS	2550 ↑	...	40.0	2.1	20.7
1728	1219	-do- 'A'	1608 ↑	+15	40.0	3.3	12.8
75	30	Hampden Grp	35	...	...	7.6	5.0
283	123	Hartstone	250	-20	4.8	2.6	15.3
25	16	Helene Plc	24	...	2.0	11.2	10.5
40	18	Heritage	37	...	...	...	...
56	25	Honeysuckle	50	-4	...	...	8.3
168	130	Hse of Lerose	137	-3	10.3	10.0	20.8
195	40	Jacques Vert	65	...	2.0	...	...
592	366	Kingfisher	550	-4	...	2.3	16.5
74	54¼	Leslie Wise Gp	73	...	4.0	7.5	-
685	405	Liberty	659	...	7.2	1.5	14.8
373	162	Lloyds Chem	275	...	5.5	2.7	10.5
152	90¼	MFI	122	-1	...	4.1	16.3
348	268	Marks Spencer	330	-8	7.1	2.9	20.1
490	319	Menzies (John)	479 ↑	-9	10.0	2.6	15.9
140	110	Moss Bros	136	...	5.0	4.9	25.2
159¾	57	Next	145	+¼	0.7	0.7	29.6
85	15	Oliver (G)	19	...	1.0	...	...
250	110	Oriflame Intl	243	...	...	4.9	15.9
143	46	Pentos	48	-1	2.7	7.6	5.7
278	208	QS Hldgs	268	...	4.7	2.4	20.8
29	7	Ratners Group	17¾	+¼	2.4	18.3	...
35	10	Rhino Grp	30¾	...	...	...	...
189	110	Sherwood Gp	154	...	...	2.0	14.8
113	54	Sears	96	-2	...	4.9	25.1
523	357	Smith WH 'A'	413 ↑	-10	13.4	4.3	14.5
38	6	Speciality	8	-¼	...	...	...
219	95	Storehouse	191	-3	5.0	3.7	...
256	153	T & S Stores	176	-1	5.5	4.2	11.5
104	27	Tie Rack	104	+4	0.5	0.6	...
190	132	Time Products	198	...	7.5	5.3	18.6
36	17	Usher (Frankie)	90	-1	...	8.3	7.8
38	25	Vivat	30	...	...	...	...
68	29	Wensum	37	...	...	...	6.6
106	53	Wickes	60	-4	...	...	...
70	28	Wld of Leather	59	...	...	...	16.2
225	102	Wyevale	160	...	...	3.1	17.8
7	2¼	Xtra-vision	2¼	...	...	...	2.7

ELECTRICALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
103	45	AB Elect	66	...	...	...	...
197	128	ACT Group	162	-2	4.5	3.6	16.4
238	195	Acale	238	+2	...	3.3	19.9
162¼	6	Acorn Comp	122	+5	...	...	...
480	299	Admiral	468	-2	5.4	1.6	-
133	90	Alba	120	...	4.7	5.3	15.6
75	7	Alphameric	31	...	...	...	...
44	19	Amstrad	20¾	-¼	0.4	...	...
141	83	App Holo	121	-2	...	...	...
22	12	Arlen	14	...	...	...	...
49	12	Astec	44	-¼	...	...	...
292	215	Bemes Hunter	260	...	9.2	4.6	14.0
20	1¼	Bennett & Fount	5¾	...	...	...	...
374	207	BICC	328	-4	19.2	7.8	19.1
575	314	Btck	529	...	9.2	2.3	20.4
4575	1150	Borland	1350	-32	...	...	...
295	206	Bowthorpe	295	-5	8.0	3.5	19.5
431¼	305	BT	406	-2	14.4	4.7	15.4
9	5	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	8¼	...	0.1	1.6	...
226	80	Burnfield	126	...	...	6.1	19.1
742	499	Cable Wireless	730	+5	13.2	2.4	22.5
14¾	4¼	Chloride	13	...	...	...	...
104	62	Clarke T	62	...	...	8.5	10.8
303	205	CML Micro	245	...	...	2.4	16.5
116	62	Compt People	59	...	5.4	...	11.5
151	60¼	Cray Elect	136	-2	...	0.5	11.1
308	251	Critchley	308	...	...	2.6	21.5
506	331	Delta	476	...	14.0	4.5	17.2
298	148	Denmans Ele	297	...	...	2.7	-
607	375	Domino	585 ↑	+1	7.2	1.6	-
66	43	Dowding Mills	57	...	2.5	5.8	18.7
1015	790	Dracka	965	...	...	1.3	23.5
382	230	Electrocomponts	373	...	7.0	2.5	30.2
545	286	El Data Pr	545	...	5.1	1.3	14.6
75	28	Electron House	67 ↑	...	2.5	4.7	20.4
25¾	7	Emess	19¾	...	1.0	...	...
590	292	Eurotherm	524	-1	8.0	2.0	21.9
128	51	FKI	122	-1	2.3	2.5	24.2
367	227	Farnell Elect	356	...	3.8	2.3	19.4
40	18	Fredbacks	35	...	...	...	...
15¾	3¼	Ferranti	14	...	...	...	...
141	30	First Tech	139	-1	...	...	...
151	71	Forward Gp	146	...	...	2.3	17.5
29¾	10	Forward Tech	17¾	...	...	...	...
302	183	GEC	293	-3	9.6	4.4	15.5
227	102	Graseby	167	-2	10.9	8.7	14.5
57	28	Highcare	39	...	...	1.7	12.7
456	395	Hoskins Gp	454	...	2.4	0.7	-
135	65	INSTEM	92	...	...	6.1	5.8
397	190	Jones Stroud	395 ↑	...	9.0	3.0	15.5

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
399	245¼	Abbey Ntl	385	...	10.5	3.6	13.3
205	154	Allied Irish	204	+4	...	5.5	12.4
197¼	106	Ats New Z	162¼	-¼	...	5.5	...
3725	1906¼	Bankamerica	3562¼	-62¼	...	...	...
205	141	Bk of Ireland	203	+4	...	5.9	32.5
345	320	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	16.0	7.5	...
140	97	Bank Scotland	133	...	4.3	4.3	20.9
464	274	Barclays	424	-3¼	21.1	6.7	...
6	1¼	Benchmark	3	...	...	...	...
204	28	Brown Shipley	38	+1	...	...	...
21	10	Carlisle	17¼	...	...	...	...
461	295	Cater Allen	461	+2	26.0	7.5	...
104	61	Cattles	104	...	3.8	4.9	15.2
2225	912¼	Chase Manh	2112¼	-31¼	...	...	...
1850	537¼	Citicorp	1762¼	-12¼	...	...	...
315	305	Close Bros	314	+1	9.5	4.0	14.0
£118	8697¼	Commerzbk	£117¼	-50	...	3.4	...
£295	£214	Deutsche Bk	£295	-275	...	2.1	...
81	11¼	First Nat Fin	78¼	-1¼	...	...	...
1104	493	Fuji Bank Y	1035	...	...	0.5	58.8
425	230	Gerrard Nat	424	...	21.0	6.6	...
606	236	HSBC	587	+4	...	3.4	24.1
587	313	HSBC HK	572	+3	...	3.4	23.5
316	202	Hambros	316	+8	13.8	5.8	14.0
363	308	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.9	...
119	54	King Shaxson	119	...	5.0	5.6	...
384	212	Kleinwort Ben	394	+5	16.0	5.7	-
573	346	Lloyds	509 ↑	-8	...	4.8	7.1
78¾	40	Lon Scot Bk	78¼	+¼	3.0	5.1	15.6
384	258	Nat Aust Bk	384	+5	...	5.3	13.3
485	251	Nat West	485	-8	...	5.5	56.5
785	418	Provident	774	...	25.0	4.3	17.7
45	25	Rea Bros	45	...	0.5	1.5	..
251	137	Ryl Bk Scot	235	-2	8.8	5.0	...
1578	1043	Schroders	1578	+3	18.0	1.5	18.4
672	384	Stand Chart	644	+4	20.0	4.1	10.6
179¼	115	TSB	171 ↑	-2	6.4	5.0	...
300	38	Union Disc	116	-3	13.5	...	...
630	403	Warburg SG	620	-2	16.0	3.9	18.3
216	137	-do- 6% 'A'	212	...	...	3.8	...
6725	3087¼	Wells Fargo	6500	+12¼	...	1.6	...
183	99	Westpac	155	+1	...	5.2	-
253	188	Wintrust	200	.	9.3	6.3	7.6

BREWERIES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
712	526	Allied-Lyons	590	-5	20.0	4.5	13.7
650	472	Bass	577	-6	19.9	4.4	12.6
213	146	Boddington	200	-1	6.6	4.4	12.7
400	242	Bulmer (HP)	378	-2	9.0	3.2	17.4
159	111	Burtonwd Brw	154	-1	4.4	3.9	11.2
291	194	Devenish (JA)	279	...	7.8	3.8	-
107	65	Eldridge P 'A'	92	+2	...	4.7	24.3
94¼	47	Fosters Brewing	66	+2	...	4.1	-
440	340	Fullr Sm 'A'	440	...	...	2.6	14.3
518	360	Grand Met	443	-2	12.3	3.7	14.6
424	283	Greenalls Grp	401	-7	11.7	3.9	13.3
550	475	Greene King	526	...	11.6	2.9	13.2
644	450	Guinness	480	-6	10.5	3.2	12.9
346	245	Hardy Hansn	260	-3	7.9	4.1	14.4
145	113	Heavitree	112 ↑	...	3.0	3.6	-
105	78	-do- 'A' LVa	78 ↑	...	...	5.2	10.9
305	191	Highland Dist	284	-3	6.0	3.0	17.8
48	21	Hoskins Brs	40	...	...	...	28.5
335	250	Invergordn Dist	274	+1	6.5	3.2	15.4
220	151	Macallan-Glen	177	+1	0.7	0.6	34.9
630	360	Maxin Marin 'A'	475	...	8.8	2.7	12.7
720	515	Mansfield	685	...	13.6	2.6	14.7
259	166	Marston Thmp	240	...	4.9	2.7	14.1
477	394	Matthew Clark	429	...	15.7	4.9	12.9
351	195	Merrydown W	280	...	...	3.0	20.2
495	320	Morland	380	...	8.4	2.3	19.1
10¾	5¼	Paramount	9	...	...	2.1	16.0
1025	665	SA Breweries	929	...	...	2.0	-
472	380	Scot & New	452	-7	16.1	5.0	11.8
200	145	Taunton Cider	190	+1	...	2.3	15.2
241	149	Vaux Group	221	-1	9.3	5.6	15.2
250	165	Wetherspoon JD	250	...	...	2.6	20.2
499	327	Whitbread 'A'	444	+1	16.9	5.1	12.5
1436	1073	-do- 'B'	1073	...	16.9	2.1	30.2
600	510	Wolvrhmptn D	564	..	11.4	2.6	16.4
545	453	Young 'A'	509	...	14.5	3.8	22.2

BUILDING, ROADS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
95	60	Abbey	93	...	...	1.5	33.5
27	9	Albrighton	19	-1	...	...	...
128	54	Allen	106	...	...	6.3	10.8
182	55	Amec	91	+2	10.2	...	8.4
7	2	Anglia Sec	6	...	...	...	...
192	85	Ashtead	187	...	4.1	3.0	23.2
151	100	Atwoods	131	-1	5.0	5.1	14.0
235	123	BPB Ind	215	-2	...	4.7	54.7
102	50	Baggeridge Brk	77	...	4.1	5.4	25.9
31	15	Bailey (Ben) Cen	31	...	0.5	2.4	...
114	64	Barcom	88	-3	1.2	1.9	16.0
130	54	Barratt Devs	125	-2	2.0	2.2	13.7
393	305	Bellway	382 ↑	...	11.5	4.0	22.2
35	14	Bellwinch	29	-1	...	...	...
360	186	Berkeley Gp	359	...	4.0	1.9	25.5
110	45	Bett Bros	95	...	...	...	13
99	25	Blockleys	48	...	3.3	...	24.8
284	123	Blue Circle	228	-2	11.2	6.7	22.5
266	140¼	Boot (Henry)	265	...	...	2.2	14.5
106	62	Breedon PLC	80	...	4.6	6.9	17.2
120	64	Br Dredging	96	+1	7.4	10.3	12.5
190	42	Brit Fittings	64	-1	5.3	...	...
128	60	Bryant	127 ↑	...	4.3	5.0	22.2
110	35	CALA	65	...	2.3	5¼	...
239	157	CRH	218	+3	...	3.9	12.7
24	14	Cakebread Rb	16	...	...	...	...
92	19	Costain	33	-2	4.7	...	...
143	51	Countryside	131 ↑	+1	4.1	4.6	31.7
66	23	Cres Nicholson	53	+1	0.0	...	-
28	11	Cussins	20	...	...	...	...
6	2	Dunton	2	...	...	...	...
45	12	Edmond Hldgs	25¼	...	1.5	...	10.0
211	132	Epwin	179	-1	...	4.9	14.8
55	25	Erith	37	...	2.0	...	...
300	230	Eve Group	300 ↑	...	...	4.3	16.9
89	25	Evered Bardon	42	-1	5.0	...	22.6
19	3	Explaurus	4	...	...	...	...
135	68	Freeman Gp	102	...	...	...	...
70	40	Galliford	46	...	4.3	12.5	18.5
96	75	Gibbs & Dandy	75	...	...	...	...
925	578	Gleeson (MJ)	768	...	12.7	2.4	10.5
114	67	Henderson-Stuart	90	-1	3.1	4.7	18.8
63	28	Hewetson	30	-1	2.6	...	39.3
25	15	Hey & Croft	16 #	...	...	...	...
269	128	Heywd Wlm	198	-1	13.5	9.4	18.2
106	29	Higgs & Hill	59	...	9.0	...	9.0
39	23	How Gp	31	...	2.5	...	10.7
20	10	Howard Hldgs	18	...	6.5	37	...
66	36	Ibstock Johnsen	54	+1	6.0	...	...
45	14¼	Jarvis	19	...	0.5	...	...
240	109	Laing (J)	197	-1	9.0	6.1	10.2
35	7¼	Lilley	7¾	...	2.0	...	2.4
122	74	Lt Chydesdale	74	...	4.5	8.1	7.9
26	4¼	Lovell (YJ)	16	+¼	...	...	7.3
302	180	Manders	300	-2	7.0	3.1	20.9
138	57	Marley	109	-3	4.2	5.3	26.7
97	47	Marshalls	70	...	...	9.3	23.4
155	101	Maunders (J)	130	...	4.9	5.1	11.9
219	76	McAlpine (A)	131	-8	6.5	6.5	-

ELECTRICITY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
444	273	East Midlands	434	-2	17.1	5.3	8.3
468	266	Eastern Elect	457¼	-¼	16.7	4.9	11.3
263	143	Hydro-Elect	254 ↑	...	10.1	4.2	11.5
465	288	London Elect	451	-3	16.8	5.0	8.7
513	324	Manweb	511	+3	18.2	4.8	7.4
485	287	Midlands Elec	483	..	17.2	4.8	10.1
504	295	Northern Elec	502	-1	18.5	4.9	7.5
504	298	Norweb	496	-2	17.7	4.8	9.3
247	142	Scottish Power	235	...	10.1	6.4	11.3
497	297	Seeboard	491	...	17.2	4.7	8.9
539	313	Sth Wales	523	-1	19.4	4.9	8.3
494	293	Sth Western	483	-1	17.4	4.8	8.7
473	270	Southern Elec	458	-4	16.6	4.9	9.1
511	331	Yorkshire Elec	507	+2	17.7	4.7	9.4
319	188	National Powr	312	-1¼	9.1	3.9	10.3
320	196	PowerGen	315	...	9.2	3.9	9.8

FINANCE, LAND

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
58	28	Aitken Hume	53	...	0.5	...	33.9
69	37¼	BWD	64	...	...	6.3	8.9
124	23	Baltic Plc	50	...	4.3	...	4.4
453	299	Caledonia	436	...	14.4	4.4	16.7
1950	1050	Camellia	1450	...	27.0	2.5	12.2
290	203	Candover	248	...	9.5	5.1	20.5
91	48	Flemech	85	...	...	...	8.4
201	103	Goveu	197	...	...	7.0	5.7
135	97	Ivory Sime	131	...	...	6.4	13.9
6¾	3¼	LIT	6¼	-¼	...	...	...
16¾	7¼	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
180	110	Lon Forfaiting	178	-1	...	5.7	15.5
84	14	Manakin	76	...	...	...	...
10¾	1¼	Nat Home Loan	9¼	-¼	...	...	...
47	24	Newmarket	46	...	...	...	...
260	179	Rathbone Brs	250	...	...	2.2	17.7
19¾	9¼	Rutland Tst	18	...	0.8	5.9	10.2
330	120	S & U	287	-2	...	3.8	10.3
65	34	Singer & Fried	65	+1	2.5	5.1	14.3
938	575	Sothebys	900 ↑	...	...	4.6	...
96	73	SJP Capital	96	+1	3.0	4.2	17.4

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1775	1043¼	Amer Express	1662¼	...	...	...	...
233	149	Electra	214	...	6.7	4.2	29.2
973	535	Henderson Ad	930	-3	41.0	5.9	20.5
105	50	Invesco MIM	105	+1	...	3.8	15.4
233	121	Jardine Strat	208	...	...	3.5	9.3
186	100¼	MAI	179	+2	6.0	4.5	13.0
464	244	MAM	420	-3	11.5	3.7	16.8
755	460	M & G	743	-1	20.0	3.6	19.8
148	81	Smith New Crt	146	-1	4.5	4.1	5.8
98	57	Sterling Tst	97 #	...	...	...	8.5
78	35	Trio Hldgs	69	-1¼	...	5.8	...

FOODS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	362	AB Food	482	-1	14.0	3.9	11.0
66	21¼	ASDA Group	62 #	-¼	...	3.4	20.2
217	75	Acatos & Hutch	217 ↑	...	6.5	4.0	12.5
83	31	Albert Fisher	67	...	3.7	7.5	11.2
432	273	Argyll	364	-1	9.7	3.6	14.3
51	11	Ashley Group	30	-1	0.7	5.0	...
147	103	Assoc Fisheries	134	...	7.0	7.0	24.7
192	143	Banks (S C)	192	+2	8.2	5.8	9.5
346	200	Barr (AG)	343	...	6.5	2.5	-
112	74	Bensons Crsps	92	...	...	4.1	9.8
137¼	50	Berisford Intl	126	...	...	...	...
490	312	Booker	421	+5	21.7	6.9	12.8
44	28	Borthwick	39¼	...	1.1	4.0	25.5
474	334	Brake Bros	430	...	5.7	1.8	18.0
51	31	Budgen	42	+1	...	...	14.3
499	412	Cadbury-Schw	458	-3	12.5	3.6	16.6
107	64	Carrs Milling	84	...	3.9	6.2	16.8
266	105	Clifford Fd 'A'	256	...	11.5	6.0	12.1
196	140	Cranswick	185	...	...	5.4	13.7
28	8	Cullens	16¼	-1¼	0.5	4.0	8.8
435	250	Dalepak	300 ↑	-5	6.0	2.7	13.5
491	352	Dalgety	462	-3	19.5	5.7	13.2
54	25	Daniels S	34	..	0.2	1.0	37.2
132¼	92¼	Everest	122	...	...	3.8	12.6
295	234	Farepak	288	...	...	2.3	30.4
16	3	Farmingford	8	-1	...	...	...
92	55	Finlay (James)	84	...	4.1	6.6	15.7
95	66	Fyffes	95	...	...	1.8	11.6
440	246	Geest	425	+1	7.9	2.5	16.1
12	5	Global	9	-1	...	7.4	8.3
49	34	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.6	...
100	81	Hazlewood Fds	164	...	6.1	5.0	9.9
200	68	Hillsdown	153	...	8.5	7.7	9.2
61	27	Hunter Saphir	43	...	2.5	...	...
695	412	Iceland Frozen	679	-1	9.5	1.7	18.1
142	103	JLI Group	123	-3	4.5	4.9	17.7
953	514	Kwik Save	942	-14	16.0	2.5	17.6
290¼	169	Low (Wm)	243	...	9.4	4.6	11.8
74	29	Matthews (B)	49	...	4.3	...	10.4
33	9	Merchant Retail	25	...	1.1	10.0	37.0
177	83	Morrison (W)	163	...	...	0.5	25.4
535	315	Nichols (JN)	523	...	12.7	3.3	15.0
317¼	215	Nthn Foods	297	+5	...	4.3	14.4
48	11	Nurdin Fd	19	...	...	...	7.9
193	132	Nurdin Peacock	181	...	5.5	4.1	12.3
226	75¼	Parc Foods	227	+2	3.2	1.9	26.7
155	45	Perkins Food	9¼	...	4.5	6.5	7.9
70¼	21	PizzaExpress	67	...	...	0.9	42.0
301	130	RHM	275	...	...	6.7	14.0
3	1	Regina Hlth	1¼	...	...	...	...
594	337	Sainsbury J	506	-4	8.7	2.3	18.8
61	33	Sentry Farms	59	...	...	3.5	9.6
340	175	Sims Food	220	...	11.2	6.8	11.9
443	285	Tate & Lyle	424	+2	12.0	3.8	15.6
276	194¼	Tesco	233	-1	6.5	3.6	11.1
211	152	Thorntons	209	-1	3.6	2.3	19.5
163	87	Treatt	162	...	...	3.0	19.2
366	192	Unigate	354	-2	13.5	5.3	12.6
440	222	Utd Biscuits	399	...	15.3	5.1	12.5
25	12	Uveone	22	...	0.4	2.4	13.5
337	205	Watson & Phil	320	-3	17.3	5.5	16.7

HOTELS, CATERERS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23	16	Aberdn Stk Ha	16	...	...	...	...
69	52	City Centre Rest	63	...	1.4	2.3	23.3
262	112	Forte	207	-3	9.9	6.4	...
240	94	Friendly Hotels	173	+2	5.5	4.2	13.9
12	5	Harmony Leis	7	...	...	...	...
114	87¼	Jurys Hotel	94	+¼	...	6.5	11.0
257	136	Ladbroke	192	-5	11.1	7.7	15.9
77	37¼	Mandarin Orntl	73	+3	...	4.7	29.2
92	26	Queens Moat	51	-¼	2.6	7.5	6.8
115	51¼	-do- 7% cnpf	56	...	7.5	10.4	...
2¼	1	Regal Hotels	1¼	...	...	...	...
87¼	16	Resort Hotels	51	-2	3.4	9.0	10.0
780	420	Savoy Hotel 'A'	775	...	7.0	1.3	...
45	23	Stakis	40	...	...	1.3	-

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1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
224	135	AAF Inds	222	-1	...	4.5	11.7
616	463	AAH	526	+6	16.3	4.3	16.7
203	122	APM	145	...	6.5	6.0	9.0
176	76	APV	125	...	5.4	5.9	22.0
165	50	ASW	133	-¼	9.0	...	24.6
150	86	Adwest	150	...	7.0	6.2	21.3
33	5	Aerospace Eng	12	...	1.0	...	7.2
468	251	Airsprung	461	...	7.5	2.2	12.8
132	38	Alenda W	121	...	3.6	3.9	66.5
11	9	Allied Radio	9	...	...	...	...
468	356	Alumasc	468	...	11.0	3.2	14.2
62	9	Alvis	27¼	+1¼	1.0	4.5	0.1
420	308	Amber Ind	420	...	17.0	5.4	11.3
38	13	Amberley Gp	33	...	...	4.0	...
160	125	Andrews Sykes	145	...	4.4	4.0	...
893	503	Anglo Amer Ind	890	+2	...	2.1	21.8
50¼	35¼	Armour	43	...	1.4	4.6	12.8
168	125	Ash & Lacy	160	...	8.4	5.3	13.2
7¼	1¼	Ass Br Eng	3	...	0.0	2.2	...
555	300	Avon Rubber	554	-1	16.5	4.8	-
198	103	Assoc Nursing	190	...	...	...	7.3
860	445	Atlas Equip	680	...	...	4.1	14.0
48	35	Ayrshire Metal	46	+2	...	...	...
173	107	BBA	161	-1	7.5	6.2	20.7
51	24	BLP Group	28	...	...	...	...
417	49	BM Gp	57	-¼	5.0	11.2	2.4
774	585	BOC	760	+2	23.2	4.1	16.7
76	31	BSG	72¼	..	3.2	5.9	19.6
422	296	BSS Group	409	...	...	5.6	16.3
574	381	BTR	551	-1	16.5	4.0	19.4
221	115	BWI	220	...	6.7	4.1	24.5
7¼	2¼	Babcock	35	-1¼	3.1	...	7.3
7¼	2¼	Bailey (CH)	7¼	...	...	...	...
270	193	Baird (Wm)	260	...	9.9	4.6	16.7
1037¼	550	Barlow Rand	662¼	...	...	5.7	5.4
45	7	Barrett (R)	7 #	...	2.0	...	16.2
63	37	Baynes (Charles)	62	...	1.3	2.9	19.8
35	10	Beauford	14	+2	1.8	...	...
18	5	Beckenham	7¼	...	...	8.9	..
31	10	Bedford (W)	25	...	...	...	...
27¼	13	Benson Group	25	...	0.1	0.5	23.0
686	444	Bespak	686	+1	9.0	1.7	21.4
181	109	Bibby (J)	130	-1	9.7	10.0	7.2

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1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
21	8	Kembrey	8	...	0.3	6.3	3.1
319	47	Kewill Sys	74	...	...	...	3.7
167	92	Kode	153	-6	...	3.5	20.2
46	8	Laser-Scan	30	...	...	...	...
264	49¼	LBMS	249	...	...	...	...
315	240	Lec Refrig	283	-2	14.5	6.8	21.5
179	125	Life Sciences	170	...	3.3	2.6	18.9
232	130	Logica	178	-5	3.6	2.7	25.6
55	45	LPA Ind	48	...	...	9.8	13.5
610	371	Macro 4	610	+7	...	2.8	22.8
604¼	301	Mervier-Swa	587 ↑	...	...	2.0	19.3
212	159	Microfilm Rep	198	...	4.3	2.9	18.9
3013	1453	Micro Focus	2635	-155	...	...	29.3
227	130	Microgen	227	...	7.2	4.3	-
35	13	Microvitec	32¼	...	...	...	...
514	201	Misys	508	-4	6.1	1.6	23.8
147	40	Mitel	121	+10	...	...	...
138	78	MMT Comp	137	...	...	3.4	17.4
92	25	Molyna	25	...	4.0	21.3	2.4
373	202	MTL Inst	260	...	...	1.7	16.2
166	82	Multitone Elect	155	-3	3.0	2.6	19.0
143	71	Murray Ener	143	...	1.8	1.8	-
6200	3962¼	NYNEX	6200	...	...	...	...
198	115	Neotronics	183	...	2.6	1.9	23.6
63	32	Newmark (L)	45	...	...	...	...
90	33	Norbain	81	...	...	1.6	12.1
53	20	Northamber	41	-1	0.5	1.6	...
17¼	9	Oceonics	10¼	...	...	...	6.8
254	165	Oxford Inst	217 ↑	...	4.3	2.6	14.6
127	46	P-E Internt'l	72	...	6.2	...	...
68	16	P & P	50	-1	1.4	3.8	-
72	42	Peek	72	...	3.4	6.3	21.3
190	85	Pegasus	163	+4	...	5.3	-
9200	7000	Phillips Fo 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1187¼	625	-do- Lmp nv	850	...	...	...	...
452	310	Pifco	452	...	7.7	2.3	38.6
432	290	-do- 'A' Voting	432	...	7.7	2.4	36.9
95	48	Plasmec	93	...	...	3.6	11.9
104	63	Prestac	96	...	2.4	3.4	18.5
220	66	Psion	111	-1	...	2.9	...
11	2	Ptarmigan	8	-¼	...	...	...
200	129	Racal Elect	191	+2	1.5	1.0	22.6
46	36	Radamec	46	...	0.5	1.4	27.0
64	25	Radius	62	...	...	5.8	46.1
118	62	Real Time	62	-1	...	6.5	5.7
29	10	Riva	28	...	...	...	...
549	328	Sage Gp	549	...	9.0	2.2	17.6
66	44	Scantronic	66	...	2.9	6.0	20.8
142	92	Scholes Grp	135	-2	5.0	4.9	26.5
340	179	Serna Gp	271	-7	2.6	1.3	23.3
45	21	Silvermines	36	...	...	8.0	...
50	29	Soundtracks	40	...	...	7.5	-
2012¼	1275	TDK	1837¼	+37¼	...	1.5	19.3
8	3	TDS Circuits	5	...	...	...	...
127	30	Telemetrix	103	...	0.6	0.8	35.9
988	633	THORN EMI	822	-6	30.1	4.9	21.2
111	88	Tharpe FW	110	-1	2.5	3.0	11.3
103	33	Total Systems	91	-10	2.2	3.3	16.3
422	190	Tunstall	422	+2	6.0	1.9	19.1
240	123	Unitech	322 ↑	-6	5.8	3.5	38.8
24¼	8¼	Verity	8¼	...	...	...	...
27	13	Vistec	26	...	...	1.5	22.2
434	285	Vodafone	383	+3	...	2.0	18.8
441	249¼	Volex	411 ↑	-2	...	5.5	20.9
17	10	Western Selectn	16	...	...	...	...
287	153	Wholesale Ftgs	225 ↑	..	11.7	6.9	21.4

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184	84	Bilton (J)	177	..	4.2	3.2	8.1
55	28	Bilston Batsea	32	...	...	...	19.0
77¼	3¼	Bines Ind	9¼	-¼	0.6	...	...
43	20	Black Arrow	39	...	2.1	7.2	9.3
1¼	¼	Black & Edgtn	1¼	...	...	...	...
180	103	Black (Peter)	173	-1	2.9	2.3	17.7
185	32	Bluebird Toys	169	...	...	...	...
539	361	Bodycote	520	...	9.2	2.3	18.7
571	398	Boots	481	-5	13.4	3.4	18.1
84	40	Booth Inds	55	...	3.2	7.8	5.7
509	288	Bowater	483 ↑	+3	11.5	3.2	22.5
1682	905	Bowater Inc	1495 ↑	-22	...	...	...
229	126	Boxmore Intl	227	...	...	2.0	21.9
20	13	Brasway	14	...	0.5	5.5	18.1
274	196	Brammer	250	...	13.0	6.9	17.2
33	11	Bridgend Gp	14¼	...	1.2	...	6.5
103	34	Bridon	82	...	4.0	...	...
82	38	Bridport-Gndry	64	...	4.1	8.5	12.0
40	23	Brierley Inv	39	+1	...	8.1	9.6
543	298	Br Bldg & Eng	298	...	...	...	...
47	38	Br Woodstock	43	...	...	...	...
477	348	Br Polythene	476	...	9.0	2.5	14.5
86	47¼	Br Steel	76¼	+1¼	...	1.7	72.9
130	88	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.3	33.6
14¼	9	Br Thornton	13¼	...	...	2.5	...
294	212	Br Vita	260	-2	...	3.6	17.1
13	5¼	Britton Grp	10¼	...	...	...	...
684	429	Broken Hill	683	+6	...	2.7	32.4
128¼	67	Bromsgrve Ind	107¼	-1¼	4.0	5.0	14.8
15	3	Brooke Tool	9¼	...	...	...	...
83	38	Brown & Tawse	53	...	4.7	...	...
174	63	Bullough	107 ↑	...	6.0	7.5	18.3
37	13	Business Tech	22	...	...	...	26.5
35	12	CI Group	22	...	2.0	12.4	9.0
66	14	Campbll & Arm	24	...	2.0	...	...
30	2	Cannon St	10¼	+¼	3.3	...	...
238	161	Cape	233	...	10.5	6.0	14.9
202	130	Cardo Eng	201	...	7.8	5.2	16.9
2695	1675	Carrand Mtl	2663	-35	...	3.4	8.3
80	55	Cassidy Bros	73	...	...	4.4	8.0
195	118	Castings	159	...	4.0	3.4	11.3
140	90	Chambrlin Hill	120	...	6.0	6.7	7.2
707	467	Charter Cons	652	-2	21.5	4.4	15.6
270	176	Chemring	255	...	...	4.3	15.4
120	74	Chieftain Gp	74	...	...	8.8	8.2
39	10	Chillington	26	...	0.5	2.6	...
170	90	Christies Intl	154	...	3.3	...	...
53	33	Clayhithe	48	...	2.5	6.9	...
140	80	Clayton Son	88	...	3.0	4.5	...
7	¼	Co Designers	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	255	Cohen (A)	375	...	10.0	...	...
247	188	Community H	204	...	6.5	4.2	12.7
236	126	Concentric	230	...	...	3.2	18.4
335	88	Cook (Wm)	147	-10	10.0	...	9.8
213	103	Cookson	207	-1	6.0	3.9	28.8
60	35	Copyrmore	45	...	...	6.0	8.8
240	176	Crnwll Pkr 'A'	215	...	5.7	3.5	16.2
178	118	Cosalt	170	...	10.7	8.4	25.9
250	180	Creighton Nt	210	+8	...	4.4	15.2
30	20	CrestaCare	30	+1	0.7	3.1	19.4
3456¼	1456¼	Dana	3212¼	+106¼	...	...	...
643	168	Danka Bs Sys	630	-10	3.7	0.8	19.4
13	5	Davies (DY)	13	+2	...	...	...
707	474	De La Rue	653	+2	15.0	3.1	20.0
25	10	Dinkie Heel	24	...	0.9	5.3	11.4
444	263	Diploma	425	+4	9.7	3.1	22.1
88	43	Dobson Park	61	...	5.7	12.6	11.0
104	90	Dyson (J&J)	97	...	5.0	6.9	13.9
66	54	-do- 'A'	64	...	5.0	10.4	9.2
18	8	EFG	17	...	...	...	...
430	383	EIS	406	...	11.7	3.8	15.1
29	9¼	EIT Gp	9 #	...	...	...	...
28	16	Elbief	22	...	...	...	...
57	25	Eleco	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2700	1550	Electrolux 'B'	2037¼	-112¼	...	2.9	-
480	45	Elliott (B)	61	+4	...	...	...
603	330	Eng China Cl	439	-13	20.0	6.1	15.1
2125	900	Ericsson 'B'	2100	-21¼	...	1.6	-
91	49	Erskine Hse	50	-4	6.6	17.7	5.2
101	29	Eurocopy	39 ↑	...	1.6	5.5	15.1
158	29	Expamet	66	...	10.3	...	7.8
570	302	Fairey Group	567	+2	9.0	2.1	18.8
108	61	Fenner	88	-2	4.2	6.4	16.6
61	18	Ferraris Group	54	...	...	2.5	12.3
1¼	¼	Fermenta	1¼	...	...	...	...
51	19	Ferrum	28	...	2.5	11.9	7.6
81	33	Fife Indmar	33	...	4.9	...	4.4
403	143	Fisons	225	-3	8.7	5.2	16.4
61	28	Fitzwilton	32	...	15.8	...	...
255	200	Flogas	245	...	...	4.1	10.1
56	39	Folkes Group nv	43	...	2.3	7.4	8.7
73	42	French (Thomas)	73	...	3.6	6.6	30.6
595	288	Frost Group	550	...	2.0	0.5	35.5
115	63	GEI Intl	82	...	7.3	11.9	16.9
482	281	GKN	466	-3	20.5	5.9	29.8
93	40	GR Hldgs	46	-5	...	6.0	...
130	84	Garton Eng	84	...	7.0	...	...
162	33	Gestetner	131	-11¼	8.2	8.8	5.4
58	21	Glevas	27	...	...	...	19.5
943	632	Glaxo	652	-1	17.0	3.5	17.8
23¼	14	Glenchewton	23	...	...	...	...
282	183	Glynwed	266	...	11.6	5.8	26.2
97	63	Goode Durrant	85	...	5.4	8.5	18.0
199	79	Grampian Hd	112	...	5.5	6.5	14.5
400	192	Granada	392	...	7.7	2.6	20.9
320	245	Great Shrns	320	...	...	4.2	13.8
125	75	Green (Ernst)	82	...	...	11.4	11.3
11	6	Greenacre	10	...	...	3.3	10.7
20	6	Guardian Grp	8	...	...	...	...
125¼	23	Haden MacLn	39	+¼	8.0	...	6.2

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83	43	Hadleigh Inds	72	...	...	...	...
169	97	Hall Eng	139	-1	8.6	8.3	12.4
254	149	Halma	247	-2	2.2	1.2	30.6
55	28	Hampson Ind	38	..	2.3	...	10.3
269¼	194¼	Hanson	248¼	...	...	8.2	12.5
241	139	Harris (Philip)	230	...	6.2	3.5	16.6
173	104	Harrisn Crfld	167	...	9.0	7.2	28.8
99	32	Havelock Euro	42	...	1.5	...	...
4¼	1	Hawthorn Les	2¼	...	...	...	...
51	17	Hay (Norman)	41	...	1.1	...	...
29	15	Headway	22	...	0.7	4.2	11.6
437	211	Hepworth	334	-6	14.8	5.9	13.3
190	116	Hewitt (J)	188	...	1.0	2.1	-
36	20	High-Point	26	...	1.3	6.7	...
147	81	Hill & Smith	127 ↑	+3	6.0	6.3	-
10	3	Hotvine	9	...	...	...	...
102	69	Holders Tech	101	...	...	8.1	13.6
80	24	Hopkinsons	38	...	3.7	...	11.0
222	142¼	Hornby	142¼	-3¼	...	8.4	11.2
33	6¼	Hospital Crp	11	-1	...	9.1	3.0
77¼	32	Howden	63	+4	2.1	4.2	9.2
233	149	Hunting	233	...	10.0	5.7	18.1
950	295	Huntigh Tech	867	-7	...	0.7	31.8
306	210	IMI	263	+2¼	10.0	5.1	18.2
96	49	ISA Intl	96	...	1.3	1.9	18.5
205	127	Intercare Gp	199	-1	...	1.7	21.0
265	175	Iceran	245	-3	3.9	2.1	16.7
498	259	Jardine Math	451	-11	...	2.5	13.0
557	317	Johnson Math	479	-1	9.6	2.7	19.9
73	44¼	Johnson & FB	55¼	...	3.0	7.2	17.1
307	115	Johnston	115	-1	9.0	...	54.2
62	14	Jones Shipman	23	-1	...	...	...
35	19	Jourdan (T)	19	...	1.5	10.5	...
47	35	Kalamazoo	36¼	+¼	...	...	30.1
140¼	73	Kalon	140¼	...	3.2	3.0	22.7
458	253	Kelsey Ind	284	...	13.0	6.0	...
550	450	Kershaw (A)	543	...	27.0	6.9	27.2
108	44	Kleen-E-Ze	90	-1	...	...	...
85	30	LGW	85	...	...	1.8	20.5
343	229	Laird	284	-4	...	4.8	13.8
136	65	Lee (Arthur)	126	...	5.9	6.2	53.5
131	86	Lilleshall	129	...	4.0	4.1	13.7
126	71	Linton	126	...	...	5.4	17.9
15	3	Lincoln Hses	13¼	-1	...	...	...
128	61	Linread	101	-1	3.5	...	14.3
195	120	Linton Park	185	...	13.0	9.4	32.4
36	10¼	Lionheart	13¼	...	0.3	3.0	14.0
19¼	10	Locker (T) A	18¼	...	1.0	7.2	58.3
316	157¼	Lon Intl	239	+1	9.4	5.8	16.9
180	57	Lonrho	87 ↑	-1	...	6.1	...
315	218	Low & Bonar	315	+5	9.1	3.9	-
323	200	MB-Caradon	314	...	8.5	3.6	24.6
159	106¼	-do- pf	156	...	7.2	6.2	...
41	12	ML Hdgs	19 ↑	...	1.8	...	18.3
38	19	MS Intl	34	...	2.5	9.8	47.5
50	31	MY Holdings	48	...	...	2.8	14.6
265	171	Macfarlane	265	...	4.2	2.1	26.1
401	230	McKechnie	400	...	14.7	4.9	20.9
119	72	McLeod Russel	92	...	6.0	8.7	11.2
12¼	6	Maiden	9	...	...	...	...
93	55	Magnolia	69	...	5.4	...	48.3
98	66	Mang Bronze	75	+1	1.0	1.8	...
74¼	15	Marling	29¼	...	0.3	...	...
174	87	Marshalls	166	+1	...	3.4	14.2
41	29	Mayflower	40¼	...	...	1.3	20.0
301	150	Medeva	202	-1	1.5	1.0	20.0
123	66	Meggitt	97	-½	3.6	4.9	14.5
128	90	Metalrax	115	...	...	4.1	15.2
137	93	Meterra	75	...	...	6.1	...
58	25	Midsomes	55	...	...	7.3	9.0
22¼	14	Mining & Aid	17¼	...	0.5	3.8	...
430	295	Molins	430	...	12.7	4.0	11.5
345	229	Morgan Cruc	320	...	12.6	5.3	15.7
145	79	Morris Ashby	126 ↑	-4	...	4.0	11.8
31	14	Neepsend	26 ↑	+1	1.5	...	...
75	34	Nestor-BNA	47	...	3.1	8.4	7.7
131	68	Nobo Gp	129	...	3.5	3.6	15.8
164	62	Norcros	142	-3	7.0	6.6	24.3
81	26	Nova Group	39	...	...	1.0	...
485	310	Nu-Swift	315	...	...	8.5	8.7
53	31	Office Elec Mac	47	...	0.1	0.3	...
40	10	OWG Intl	31¼	...	1.7	7.4	...
155	125	PCT	135	...	...	6.9	12.3
51	47	Pacer Systems	46	...	...	7.6	...
147	94	Pentland	121	...	2.2	2.5	17.4
380	260	Photo-Me	378	...	4.4	1.6	19.3
169	67	Pilkington	112	-2	6.0	7.1	40.6
34	19	Platon	28	...	...	...	...
79	39	Portsbrook	73	...	...	5.5	10.7
147	93	Polypipe	144	...	1.9	1.8	21.5
504	335	Portals	491	...	13.8	3.7	16.0
65	19	Porter Chadbrn	30	...	2.5	11.4	7.2
14	1¼	Porth Gp	7¼	...	...	...	...
365	204	Powerscreen	347	+1	6.0	2.3	19.6
21	14¼	Prospect Inds	19¼	...	0.7	5.1	9.8
49	16¼	RFS Group	42	...	...	...	14.0
100	70	Radiant Metal	95	...	...	...	...
133	3	Ransom Oils	128	+6	...	2.1	...
772	444	Rank Org	600	-3	31.0	6.2	18.3
709	523	Reckitt Colm	614	-1	15.1	3.3	14.5
100	40	Record	68	...	3.6	7.1	13.1

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9¼	2¼	Reece	3¼	...	...	...	13.1
169	105	Relyon	167	...	4.9	3.9	21.7
313	248	Renishaw	288	...	6.5	3.0	22.0
68	44	Renold	56	...	1.0	2.4	...
1438	982	Reuters	1325	+11	...	3.2	21.0
37	22¼	Rexmore	27¼	-¼	1.7	8.5	6.8
110	58	Ricardo Group	110	...	5.7	6.9	28.3
81	50	Richard (Leics)	59	...	4.4	9.9	5.9
69	47	Richardson West	64	...	1.9	6.8	15.3
130	97	Ropner	123	...	8.2	8.9	8.8
122	95	-do- 'A'	115	...	8.2	9.6	8.2
47¼	23	Ross Gp	35	...	0.4	1.7	19.2
441	258	Rotork	439	-1	10.0	3.0	20.3
135	85	Rubicon	122 ↑	...	...	1.6	...
103	56	Russell (A)	56	...	2.1	5.1	29.6
21	14	SEP Indl	19	...	0.6	4.6	-
1200	612¼	SKF 'B'	675	-62¼	...	5.9	...
272	107	Sanderson Elec	235	...	9.0	5.1	10.0
56	32	Savage	51	...	...	0.7	67.2
45	29	Savile Grdn (J)	44	...	2.2	6.7	17.2
243	158	Scapa	243	...	5.3	3.9	19.8
245	188	Schotl	226	-2	6.0	3.5	16.2
17	2¼	Scot Heritable	6	...	...	...	...
990	648	Securicor	965 ↑	...	2.6	0.4	-
868	469	-do- 'A'	820 ↑	...	2.6	0.6	-
565	367	Security Serv	517 ↑	...	5.0	1.3	-
91	58¼	Senior Eng	89¼	...	3.1	4.7	14.8
361	257¼	Seton Health	348	-1	...	2.0	22.3
72	42	Sheldon Jones	45	...	...	...	...
146	83	Shiloh	91	-1	2.7	4.0	24.7
361	223	Sidlaw	335	...	10.0	4.0	15.6
500	255¼	Siebe	473	-7	...	2.6	19.9
284	168	Silentnight	284	...	8.0	3.8	15.6
121	68	Sime Darby	118	-3	...	3.8	14.5
304	69	Simon Eng	120	...	15.7	17.4	15.8
280	196	Sinclair (Wm)	257	...	7.0	3.6	16.5
53	27	Six Hundred	46	...	2.5	7.2	...
171	127	Smith & Neph	151¼	-1¼	4.4	3.9	19.0
566	390¼	Smithkline	440	+16	...	2.6	17.2
508	353	Smithkine Uts	385	+18	...	3.5	15.0
394	255	Smiths Ind	346	...	11.2	4.3	14.1
140	76	Sthn Bus	79	-34	3.3	5.7	7.5
350	265	Spandex	315	...	...	2.5	16.0
370	230	Spear (JW)	300	...	10.0	4.4	9.3
345	231	Spirax-Sarco	343	...	9.0	3.5	20.5
181	83¼	Spring Ram	123	+3¼	0.2	0.3	16.2
270	158	Staveley	243	...	8.2	4.5	13.9
147	102	Sterling Ind	147	...	5.6	5.1	18.4
14¼	9	Stonehill	11 #	...	...	...	...
145	73	Suter	136	...	8.8	8.6	12.1
319	160	Swire Pacfc 'A'	293	+4	...	2.6	21.5
19	5	Sycamore	6	...	...	...	...
300	232	Syltone	295	...	9.4	4.9	11.7
198	98	T & N	189	...	10.8	7.7	35.7
372	251	TI	283	+3	10.2	4.8	15.2
23	10	TLS Range	15	...	...	4.4	...
286	167	TT Group	265	...	...	3.0	17.2
249	170	Takare	241	-2	1.5	0.8	23.9
753	405	Takeda Chem	744	+3	...	0.6	19.7
44¼	19	Tex Hldgs	30	...	...	...	...
79	53	Tinsley (E)	78	...	...	8.9	9.1
205	85	Titon	203	...	...	2.3	17.7
271	195	Tomkins	266	...	...	3.2	18.7
165	39	Trafalgar H	78¼	...	3.2	6.0	5.3
161	36	-do- 'A'	75¼	-¼	...	...	...
514¼	266¼	Transfer Tech	425	...	...	4.1	11.7
169	127¼	Triplex Lloyd	168 ↑	+1	7.0	5.6	15.4
253	165	UniChem	240	-2	5.0	2.8	17.8
320	258	Unidare	310	...	...	6.6	11.6
24	8¼	Unigroup	19	+¼	...	...	...
1189	860	Unilever	1189	+29	20.8	2.4	-
7650	5375	Unilever (NV)	7650	+134¼	...	2.7	12.3
620	265	VSEL	620	+20	25.0	5.4	7.1
15	2¼	Verson	8	...	...	...	...
188	60	Vickers	130	...	6.0	...	20.4
409	260	Victaulic	366	...	...	2.7	17.4
359	231	Vinten	357	...	6.6	2.5	19.2
502	240	Vosper Thorny	490	...	13.1	3.6	11.8
70	36¼	WSP Hldgs	41	...	2.9	9.7	7.1
468	340	Wagon Ind	420	...	...	5.3	16.6
78	45	Walker Greenbk	74	+1	3.1	5.6	17.6
234	110	Wassall	233	-1	...	1.4	28.3
34	15	Watford Wdgwd	26	...	...	...	...
675	435	Weir	650	-2	10.5	2.2	18.9
1174	777	Wellcome	876	-5	13.0	2.0	24.2
39	23	Wellman	23	...	2.2	...	8.6
485	390	Whatman	485	...	8.7	2.4	17.5
339	201	Whessoe	314	-2	...	3.4	12.2
34	4	Whewsy	9¼	-¼	1.0	13.7	...
143	15	Whitecroft	40	...	4.0	...	4.1
12	3	Widney	7¼	...	...	...	...
197	44	Wilkes (James)	49	-3	10.0	...	2.7
379	222	Williams Hldg	358¼	-¼	12.3	4.6	18.2
27¼	8	Wilshaw	22¼	...	0.4	2.4	18.4
595	287	Wolseley	550	...	12.3	3.0	21.0
150	100	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	4.1	4.4	13.5
80	36	Wyko	38	...	2.8	...	21.7
70	38	Young (H)	43	...	3.0	9.3	15.8

INSURANCE

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993¼	1025	Alex & Alex	1731¼	-31¼	...	4.0	...
4175	2250	Am Gen	3925	+87¼	...	3.9	...
66	27	Archer (AJ)	44	...	4.4	13.3	21.4
168	83	Bradstock	143	-1	5.1	4.9	17.2
1163	762	Britannic	1163	+3	29.5	3.4	...
620	389	Com Union	575	+2	...	5.8	...
1400	900	Dom & Gen	1400	...	...	1.7	23.1
31	18	FAI	21	...	...	...	...
612	356	Gen Accident	567	-6	26.7	6.3	...
188	108	GRE	186	+6	7.8	...	...
477	212	Heath C E	360	...	16.0	5.9	21.2
188	104	Hogg Gp	188	...	-8.1	5.8	11.4
208	102	JIB Group	186	+1	...	5.4	13.7
479	287	Legal & Gen	462	-6	18.8	5.4	...
1026	557	Liberty Life	988	+16	...	3.0	-
465	295	Lloyds Abbey	430 ↑	-3	17.3	5.4	-
275	160	Lloyd Thomp	275	+3	5.6	2.7	20.2
319	203	Londn & Man	319	+1	13.5	5.7	24.5
362	224	Lowndes Lmb	354	-1	12.6	4.7	14.1
7647¼	3501¼	Marsh McLn	6287¼	+137¼	...	3.0	...
154	93	Oriel	95	...	...	7.0	7.0
31	10	PWS	39 ↑	...	4.0	9.0	-
325	194	Prudential	309	-4	11.0	4.7	26.8
913	564	Refuge	913	...	27.0	4.2	40.9
298	118	Royal	285	-2	11.2	...	...
240	100	Sedgwick	161	-7	6.0	5.1	19.0
321	162	Steel Burrill	237	...	13.2	7.5	15.0
232	53	Stenze Hldgs	62	...	3.2	17.7	6.3
358	214	Sun Alliance	319	+1	14.2	6.0	...
61	20	Trade Indemnty	55	-1	...	...	...
275	165	Transatlantic	277	-1	...	5.8	19.4
603	305	Utd Friendly	603	...	12.3	2.7	30.6
214	144	Willis Corroon	177	+4	13.2	9.0	19.8
21	14	Windsor	17	...	...	...	13.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1689	1218	Alliance	1651	-3	43.0	3.5	38.1
258	152	Amer Trust	242	-2	4.9	2.7	-
335	229	Ang & O'seas	331	-1¼	6.8	2.8	-
136¼	98¼	BZW Conv	132¼	-¼	7.8	7.8	15.5
150	104	Bankers	145	-¼	3.4	3.2	39.9
298	210	Baring Tribne	295	...	6.4	3.1	-
172	116	Berry Starq	145	-1	2.0	1.8	49.0
100¼	71¼	Br Assets	100¼	-1	4.1	5.6	24.6
64¼	46¼	Br Empire Sec	63¼	...	0.8	1.9	64.5
17	8¼	-do- Wnts	16	...	...	...	...
171	123	Br Inv	165	...	4.3	3.6	41.4
166	125	Contl Assets	162	...	2.4	2.0	-
230	163	Derby Inc	163	-5	16.6	13.6	-
235	140	-do- Cap	208	...	...	...	...
119	65	Drayton Asia	115	...	0.7	0.8	...
95	59	-do- Blue Chip	80	...	8.4	16.7	7.6
57	26	-do- Eng Intl	55	...	1.2	2.9	...
104¼	61	-do- Far East	103 ↑	...	0.6	0.8	...
101	56	-do- Korea	90	...	...	...	...
628	473	Dunedin Inc G	609	-2	25.4	5.7	-
572	407	-do- Wwde	570	...	9.5	2.3	58.7
298	203	Dundee & Lon	253	...	12.0	6.3	23.3
61	36	EFM Inc Tst	47	...	4.8	13.8	8.5
54	40¼	-do- Dfi SS	53	...	...	...	...
274	140	Edinburgh	256	-1¼	8.0	4.2	41.3
154	107	Electric Gen	153	...	3.1	2.7	48.7
104	65	English Scot	91	...	...	...	...
346	186	European Asset	245	+1	...	3.1	-
104	68	Finsbury 'A'	90	...	3.0	4.4	29.0
290	162	Fleming Amer	268 ↑	-¼	0.7	0.1	-
411	302	-do- Claver	398 ↑	...	18.7	3.6	-
255	173	-do- Contl	255	...	2.8	1.5	...
162	119	-do- Entp	160 ↑	+1	4.5	3.8	35.9
252	157	-do- F East	252	+1	1.5	0.8	...
289	198	-do- Fiedg	288	...	3.0	1.4	...
116	91	-do- Hi Inc	114	+1	5.8	6.9	19.1
164	100	-do- Japan	158	...	0.3	0.3	...
271	193¼	-do- Merc	260	-1	6.7	3.4	37.2
242	169¼	-do- Oseas	230¼	...	4.0	2.3	50.5
223	150	Foreign & Col	218	+1	...	2.0	64.4
196	144	-do- Eurotst	196	+1	1.2	0.8	...
106	71	-do- German	104	...	0.4	0.5	...
221	134	-do- Pacific	219	+1	1.7	1.1	...
137¼	79	-do- Smaller	135	...	...	1.8	66.6
205	121	GT Japan	178	+2	...	0.9	...
100	49	Genl Cons Cap	93	-1	...	...	...
129¼	56	-do- Inc	109 ↑	...	...	10.3	-
145	83	Govett Am Smlr	127	...	...	...	...
233	128	-do- Oriental	222¼	...	...	0.9	0.5
239	150	-do- Strategy	235	-1	6.7	3.8	32.4
369	206	Greenfriar	366 ↑	...	6.2	2.1	-
28	5	Gresham House	5	...	...	...	...
53	31	Independent Inv	51¼	...	0.5	1.3	...
132	95	Inv Cap	128	-¼	5.1	5.3	28.7
95	67	IBS UK Smllr	95	...	2.0	3.0	22.0
177	128	Kleinwort Chtr	174 ↑	...	5.0	3.8	33.9
201	134¼	-do- O'seas	194	...	3.3	2.3	-
126	85	-do- Smlr	117	...	...	4.6	23.1
580	433	Law Debenture	570	...	...	4.2	29.9
170	133¼	Maledic	169	...	...	3.7	32.7
246	176	Merchants	241	-1	...	5.9	22.2
4925	2437¼	Merrill Lynch	4412¼	-25	...	...	...
429	296	Monks Inv Tst	426	-1	6.7	2.1	57.1
116	81	Murg Gwth Inc	113	...	...	5.4	22.4
27	13	-do- Warrants	26	...	...	...	...
48	33	Murray Euro	44	..	0.4	1.4	..
11	4¼	-do- Wts	8¼	...	...	...	...
315	228	Murray Income	309	-2	...	4.6	29.4

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
303	215	-do- Intl	302	...	...	5.0	26.7
298	213	-do- Small	298	...	4.0	1.8	64.2
109	89	-do- S/C Inc	103 ↑	...	..	14.1	9.7
86	54	-do- S/C Cap	80	...	...	...	...
3050	2250	-do- S/C Uts	2900 ↑	...	...	4.9	...
147¼	119¼	-do- S/C DP	145¼	...	10.1	5.4	20.0
258	189	-do- Vent	254	...	0.2	0.5	...
70	44¼	New Frontier	69	...	...	...	...
103	61	Nwthrog Inc	84	+1	6.7	10.9	11.6
383	187	O'seas Inv Tst	277	...	2.8	1.3	79.0
360	173	Pacific Assets	354	+1	1.1	0.4	-
264	80	Do Warrants	255	...	...	...	...
6200	5700	Personal Assets	9000	...	...	2.7	47.8
118	82	R/T Cap Fdr	115	-1	1.1	1.3	52.1
123	96	River & Merc	123	...	9.2	10.2	-
386	273	Robeco	380	...	...	3.5	...
376	268	Rolinco	370	...	...	2.2	...
239	194	St Andrew Inv	238	...	7.5	4.2	-
143	108	Scot American	140¼	...	4.3	4.1	-
853	620	Scott Asian	853	+3	...	...	...
71¼	49	-do- Eastern	69¼	...	1.5	3.0	-
200	147	Scottish	194	-1¼	4.6	3.2	40.2
196¼	135	-do- Mtge	189	...	3.9	2.8	44.5
77¼	48	-do- Value	77	...	...	3.1	54.8
1493	1066	Second Allnce	1470	...	36.5	3.3	39.2
83¼	61	Secs Tst of Scot	81¼	...	3.2	5.3	27.2
128	78¼	Selective Asset	122	...	1.2	1.3	43.4
20	9¼	Sphere Inv	18¼	...	...	23.0	5.2
139	76	TR Far East	135 ↑	...	4.5	4.4	29.6
137	97¼	TR City Of Lon	133	-¼	4.7	4.8	27.9
134¼	70	TR Pacific	132¼	+1	0.3	0.4	-
27	14¼	TR Property	20	...	1.4	...	58.8
69	18	TR Tech Inv	62	...	1.7	3.8	30.8
167	96	TR Smlr Cos	164	...	3.7	3.0	48.0
313	226	Temple Bar	313	...	13.2	5.8	-
87	51	Thrntn Asian E	87	+1	0.5	0.8	...
66	39	Throgmorton	60	...	2.3	5.2	-
410	298	Throg Dual Cp	408	...	...	...	...
190¼	137	USDC Invest	190	...	4.2	3.0	36.4
89	58¼	Value Inc Tst	86¼	+¼	...	5.5	22.8
632	483	Whitbread Inv	546	+4	15.0	3.7	36.2
195	139	Witan	190	-¼	5.6	3.9	-

LEISURE

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66¼	2	Airbreak Leis	3¼ #	...	...	...	0.7
337	172	Airtours	302	+5	7.2	3.2	10.7
86	17	Aid Leis	52 ↑	...	4.7	...	14.9
243	145	Anglia TV	229	...	...	4.6	20.7
217	135	Barr & W 'A'	204	...	10.0	6.3	10.2
1195	795	Boosey Hwks	1175	...	20.0	2.3	18.6
113	70	Border TV	98	...	...	3.7	12.8
16¼	4	Brent Walker	9¼	...	...	...	...
15	2¼	Buckingham Int	4¼	-¼	2.1	...	1.1
448	200	Campari	281	...	...	5.7	7.1
226	126	Capital Radio	193	...	5.2	3.6	22.5
818	468	Carlton Comm	795	-2	...	2.9	22.9
223	120	Castle Comm	195	...	...	5.8	22.0
1825	1050	Central TV	1800	...	30.5	2.3	23.1
88	49	Chrysalis	73	...	...	...	...
604	405	Compass Gp	588 ↑	...	12.3	2.8	16.7
350	273	Eurocamp	328 ↑	...	9.7	4.0	-
1693	673	Euro Disney	975	+27	...	1.2	...
10	1	Euro Leisure	5	-¼	...	...	9.7
36	11	Ex-Lands	20	...	...	...	...
448	110	Fairline Boats	226 ↑	...	10.5	5.1	...
355	239	First Leisure	340	...	6.1	2.4	23.3
490	250	GWR Gp	480 ↑	+2	...	1.9	-
181	91	Grampian	175	...	5.5	4.2	12.3
8	5	Greenwich Comm	6	...	...	...	...
92	13	HTV Group	32	+1	3.7	...	...
208	30	Hi-Tec Sports	62	...	3.5	...	3.0
18¼	2¼	Kunick	5¼	...	...	...	...
338	220	LWT CP	338	...	5.9	2.3	16.5
377	260	Man Utd	377	...	18.0	6.4	13.0
130	44¼	Owners Abrd	129	+13	3.5	3.7	-
42¼	19	The Pelican Gp	42¼	...	...	3.1	14.6
130	50	Prism Leisure	121	...	...	3.0	13.8
61	17	Quadrant Grp	17	...	4.0	...	2.6
319	274	Radio Clyde	314	...	...	3.6	24.6
177	135	Ramsdens (H)	134 ↑	-5	...	4.5	-
502	202¼	Scot TV	500	...	...	2.1	32.2
66	40	Southern Radio	54	...	0.7	2.0	22.5
195	125	Stanley Leisure	195	...	...	2.8	16.5
13	4	Sunleigh	5¼	...	...	...	...
195	135	Sunset & Vine	143	...	3.5	3.3	15.4
53	27	TSW	29 #	...	...	22.7	3.7
44	3¼	TVS	37	...	...	...	3.1
420	136	Tanjong	420	...	...	...	79.1
200	134	Thames TV	171	...	7.5	5.8	4.9
10¼	1	Ticketing	1¼	-¼	...	...	...
118	75	Totenhm Hsr	113	+3	...	...	5.6
75	38	Trans World	64	...	...	...	...
321	154	Ulster TV	321	...	7.5	3.1	22.3
50	16	Wembley	19	-2	1.8	...	...
18¼	4¼	Whitegate	15¼	...	...	...	...
191¼	110	Yorkshire TV	130	...	12.0	12.3	3.9
136	80	Zetters Gp	103	...	8.0	10.4	10.4

MINING

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4112¼	1800	Am Gold	2700	...	...	8.2	12.2
2237¼	1000	Ang Am Coal	1325	+12¼	...	7.7	5.7
2275	1012¼	Ang Am	1500	...	...	5.1	9.3
14¼	7¼	Anglo Pac Res	14	+¼	...	...	...
110	33	Blyvoors	68	+1	...	10.0	3.4
25	11	Bracken	23	...	...	...	1.2
566	208	Buffels	348	+9	...	12.9	7.5
4¼	1¼	Bume	1¼	...	...	...	...
631	437	CRA	616	+9	...	3.9	-
38	9	Cluff Res	15	...	1.0	8.9	22.4
1662¼	581¼	De Beers	1025	-8¼	...	...	8.4
125	37¼	Deelkraal	54	...	...	12.4	2.7
46	7	Doornfontein	13	+1	...	...	...
799	388	Driefontein	557	+34	...	6.6	9.2
375	120	Durban	191	+2	...	...	...
121	39	E Rand Gold	61	+1	...	19.0	1.8
154	62	E Daggа	78	+1	...	...	5.4
168	54	E Rand Prop	148	+2	...	...	...
470	117	Elandsrand	183	+3	...	7.4	...
535	272	FS Cons	487	+10	...	11.0	4.9
33	7	FS Dev	10	+2	...	...	...
1491	606	GFSA	963	+26	...	4.6	13.7
222	121	Gencor	148	-1	...	6.7	11.5
44¼	29¼	GM Kalgoorli	41¼	...	...	3.3	10.2
13	2	Greenwich R 'A'	12¼	+¼	...	...	...
89	44	Grootvlei	58	+1	...	20.4	-
368	78	Harmony	178	+3	...	...	...
281¼	87	Harties	129	+2	...	...	4.4
14	5	Inocco	13	+2¼	...	...	...
820	486	Impala Plat	601	...	...	...	12.2
8	2¼	Kenmare Res	6¼	-¼	...	...	...
675	292	Kinross	461	+6	...	12.2	4.5
624	293	Kloof	509	+7	...	3.9	7.8
60	21¼	Leslie	40	...	...	11.7	3.6
71	12	Loraine	24	...	...	...	...
128	90¼	MIM	118¼	-3	...	2.1	50.6
955	539	Minorco	885	-1	...	4.3	10.4
111	66	Nth Brkn Hill	108	+1	...	4.6	...
1201	598	Orange Free	1112¼	+12¼	...	12.5	8.9
681	469	RTZ	649	-2	19.5	4.0	19.6
1287¼	375	Rand Mines	856	...	...	12.6	2.1
230	75	Rand Min Prp	105	...	...	17.8	4.6
334	136	Randfontein	218	+3	...	8.8	3.0
221	106	Renison	157	+2	...	2.9	15.3
1312¼	812¼	Rustnbrg	937¼	...	...	5.4	13.3
410	183	St Helena	339	+4	...	7.8	-
1287¼	475	Southvaal	750	...	...	8.6	-
60	17¼	Stilfontein	49	+1	...	14.9	...
183	43	Unisel	97	-1	...	3.4	6.7
4000	1500	Vaal Reefs	2800	+50	...	9.0	-
324	154	Welkom	287	+4	...	12.6	8.0
99¼	26	Western Areas	42	...	...	...	...
2375	587¼	Western Deep	1100	...	...	6.4	-
225	164	Wstrn Mining	223	+4	...	...	...
630	255	Winkels	426	+5	...	2.6	3.2
77	16	Zambia Copper	77	+1	...	...	...
45	18	Zandpan	23	...	...	...	6.5

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
400	228	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
125	90	Airflow Stream	120	...	0.1	0.1	18.1
123	56	Appleyard	100	...	7.8	10.4	73.8
241	130	Bletchley Mtr	241	+4	8.2	7.3	13.5
145	115	Bossom	137	...	6.0	5.8	37.3
379	100	Br Aerospace	265	+13	7.0	3.6	...
378	303	Caffyns	323	-¼	11.5	4.7	43.0
9¼	3	Caverdale	7¼	-¼	...	...	...
139	95	Central Mtrs	108 ↑	...	...	4.9	27.5
48	15¼	Cook (DC)	20	...	...	...	...
200	99	Cowie (T)	194	...	4.8	3.4	14.6
133	75	Dag Motors	96	...	5.7	8.0	11.3
135	85	Davnprt Vern	135	...	4.0	4.0	-
264	130	ERF	209	...	4.0	...	...
137	68	European Mtr	108	-2	...	1.9	...
316	167	Evans Halshaw	259	...	11.2	5.8	24.1
263	165	FR Group	255	+1	6.6	3.5	12.2
3581¼	1500	Ford Motor	3100	-112¼	...	...	...
2875	1681¼	General Mtr	2562¼	-75	...	2.0	...
53	35	Gowrings	46	...	2.0	5.8	...
96	43	Henlys	93	...	3.0	4.3	...
786	465	Honda Motor	747	+3	...	0.8	...
31	10	Jacks (Wm)	21	...	...	...	...
95	49	Jessups	77	-1	4.5	7.8	...
225	68	Kwik-Fit	108	...	3.3	4.2	10.5
326	175	Lex Service	315	...	10.0	4.2	...
128	74	Lookers	112	+1	6.2	7.7	...
153	77	Lucas	142	-2	7.0	6.6	...
203	169	Pendragon	263	...	6.0	3.0	23.5
175	103	Perry Gp	127	...	9.0	9.4	22.7
135	56	Quicks Group	135	+2	3.0	3.0	24.9
176	89	Rolls-Royce	128	...	7.2	7.6	24.2
160	99	Vardy (Reg)	140	...	4.0	3.8	21.4
146	91	Westland	196	+5	4.2	3.9	12.9

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
125	73	Adscene	125	+4	4.0	4.3	13.1
380	315	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.0	5.3	19.4
586	398	Blenheim Gp	586	+1	9.0	2.0	21.9
330	248	Bristol	282	-3	11.5	5.4	20.9
8300	5900	Daily Mail	7850	...	130	2.2	17.7
8300	5800	Daily Mail 'A'	7850	...	130	2.2	17.7
301	107	Dorling Kind	285	...	...	1.4	22.2
385	226	EMAP	337	...	...	3.0	21.9
983	531	Euromoney Pb	968	-7	29.5	4.1	21.8
206	125	Harrington K	206	...	...	2.9	21.5
358	155	Haynes Pub	320	...	6.0	2.5	11.6
258	140	Headline	238	...	10.0	1.7	26.5
183	105	Home Counti	120	...	8.2	8.5	24.3
6¼	2	Intl Bus Comm	3¼	...	...	...	...
14¼	9¼	Intl Cm & Data	7¼	...	...	...	...
430	285	Independent	420	...	...	4.6	15.1
480	289	Johnston Press	480	...	5.5	1.5	22.7
288	186	Metal Bulletn	268	...	7.4	3.7	21.7
128	49	Mirror Gp	101	-2	...	...	9.6
1446	509¼	News Corp	1431	+8	...	0.3	24.1
784	258	News Intl	752	-3	3.9	0.7	13.0
450¼	297	Pearson	396	-1	...	3.9	16.6
633	340	Portsmth Sund	630	...	8.6	1.8	16.2
682	447	Reed Intl	645	-1	16.0	3.3	21.4
130	61	Southnews	130	...	...	1.5	38.1
130	29	Sterling Pubs	126	-1	...	2.7	41.4
368	274	Telegraph	344	-1	...	3.0	13.6
815	565	Thomson Corp	745 ↑	...	25.2	4.5	12.7
347	222	Trinity Intl	318	...	...	3.5	18.7
62	29	Unit Group	34	...	...	...	...
543	321	Utd Nwspprs	517	-6	21.0	5.4	17.7

OILS, GAS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	6	Aberdeen Petr	14	+¼	...	...	14.3
24	11¼	Aran Energy	23¼	+1	...	...	...
68	23	Arcon Intl	42	...	...	...	...
53	27	Aus Oil & Gas	32	...	...	...	...
290	20	Aviva Pet	31	...	...	...	...
48	8	Beverley	10¼	...	...	...	...
195	105	Br Borneo	172	...	...	0.6	...
295	223	British Gas	289	...	7.1	5.5	19.0
304	182	Br Petroleum	275¼	+3	...	6.2	13.3
4	1	Bula Resources	1¼	-¼	...	5.1	34.6
741	460	Burmah Castrl	715	...	24.0	4.5	16.4
75	21	Cairn Energy	46	-1	...	...	...
251	164	Calor Gp	243	+1	12.0	6.6	16.0
10	6¼	Caspen Oil	7¼	...	...	...	...
80	30	Clyde Pet	51	-1	1.2	...	...
16¼	10¼	Edin Oil & Gas	13	...	...	...	...
477	297	Enterprise	453	...	15.7	4.6	32.2
101	25	Exp Co Louis	84	...	...	...	...
28¼	14¼	Fairfield Ind	24¼	...	...	...	...
69	34	Goal Pet	64	...	1.2	2.6	12.1
31	5	Gt Western Res	25	...	...	...	...
149	77	Hardy O & G	148	-1	1.0	0.9	40.3
27	7¼	Kelt Energy	27	...	...	...	...
263	112	LASMO	170	-3	8.5	6.6	27.4
103	61	-do- Units	91	...	15.0	22.0	...
31	11	Mid Scot Res	19¼	...	...	...	...
42¼	27	Monument	42¼	...	...	...	...
18¼	5	New London	8¼	...	...	...	44.0
35	17	Nth Sea Assets	25	...	0.7	4.0	0.0
37	25	Oil Search	29	-1	...	...	...
14	8	Petroz	13¼	...	...	...	...
103	57	Pict Pet	103	+1	...	...	14.3
30	10	Premier	28¼	+¼	...	...	12.6
108	40	Presidio	75	...	...	8.4	...
430	308	Ranger	345	...	...	1.5	...
5050	4162¼	Royal Dtch Pl	5012¼	+59¼	...	5.3	16.1

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4312¼	3025	Schlumberger	4125	+25	...	2.0	...
59	41	Seafield	55	...	...	...	...
605	435	Shell	582	+1	20.9	4.8	13.4
206	110	Sunrise Eng Sv	202	...	...	...	...
10	8¼	Teredo	9	...	...	...	...
87	26	Triton Europe	39	...	...	...	8.8
172	131	Woodside	161	+2	...	2.2	...

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
281	103	API	281	+3	7.5	3.6	34.5
290	123¼	Arjo Wiggins	166	-3	8.3	...	13.5
454	365	Abbott Mead	454	...	8.4	2.5	22.8
3	¼	Acsis Group	1	...	...	...	...
128	13	Aegis Gp	13¼	+¼	5.8	...	4.5
212	105	Aspen Comms	200	...	...	3.3	27.4
13	7	BBB Design	9¼	...	...	...	...
341	180	Bemrose	330	+14	11.7	4.2	16.8
60	21	Birkdale	21	...	0.2	1.3	17.8
138	80	Bunzl	135	...	4.0	4.0	31.5
367	147	CIA Gp	264	...	...	1.9	17.5
51	36	City of Lon	47	...	...	9.6	9.8
206	135	Cropper (Umcl)	184	...	3.0	2.2	20.0
41	6	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
73	30	Delyn Pckaging	68	-3	1.4	2.8	13.5
149	78	Dolphin Pack	113	-1	4.5	5.3	15.0
74¼	42	Dudley Jenkins	42 ↑	...	...	...	10.8
15	9¼	Elswick	12¼	+¼	0.2	...	10.5
68	38	Fairway Group	49	+2	...	9.0	-
286	211	Ferguson Intl	272	-3	12.5	6.1	15.7
106	25	Filofax	104 ↑	-1	...	0.5	26.0
48	6	Fitch	16	...	...	...	...
71	47	Gibbon Lyons	70	...	...	9.5	13.7
308	194	Gold Greenless	287 ↑	-1	8.3	4.0	22.2
53	26	Goodhead	26	...	0.5	2.6	...
160	32¼	Hunterprint	81	...	...	...	...
180	138	Intereurope	138	...	7.4	7.4	8.8
202	123	Jarvis Porter	202	...	4.4	2.9	22.0
50	13	Lopex	33	...	...	...	13.7
263	133	More O'Ferrall	213	-1	13.2	8.3	13.2
71	27	NMC Group	60	...	1.2	...	11.8
86	58	Osborne & Little	80	...	4.3	7.3	10.3
189	132	Quarto	179	...	5.2	5.1	9.4
343	231	St Ives Gp	335	...	5.2	2.1	22.8
345	115	Saatchi	190	-1	...	...	...
754	381	Sappi	453	-6	...	8.6	8.5
19¼	1¼	Serif	17	...	...	...	...
43	3	Shandwick	23¼	-1	...	...	...
351	233	Smith David	323	...	9.5	3.9	14.3
335	210	Smurfit (Jeff)	281	...	...	0.5	9.7
263	171	Star-Plus	211	...	7.1	4.5	15.3
21¼	10¼	Taylor Nelson	19	-¼	...	1.1	40.0
66	37	VTR	50	+5	...	9.1	14.2
115	31	WPP	64	...	...	...	...
195	48	Wace	70	...	8.2	15.7	7.7
221	158	Waddington (J)	204	-4	7.9	5.2	15.4
587	391	Walmough	587	+1	10.5	2.4	25.6
4	¼	Waverley Cam	¼ #	...	...	...	...
6¼	1¼	Westport	6	...	...	...	31.5
39	12	Whitney Mck	16	...	...	...	...
75	51	Wood (SW)	64 ↑	-1	0.2	0.5	...

PROPERTY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3¼	1¼	Abaca Group	1¼ #	...	...	...	...
86	28	Allied Lon	55	-1	3.5	8.6	47.5
70	55	Arcadian	61	...	...	...	...
73	34	Asda	59	..	2.0	4.5	21.0
141	64	Avonside	97	...	...	8.0	7.8
2575	1887¼	BCE	2512¼	...	...	...	...
480	268	Bilton	480	...	18.0	5.0	17.3
45	23	Bourne End	25	...	1.0	5.3	...
166	108	Bradford	161	-1	4.4	3.7	14.6
36	11	Bredero	19	...	...	...	1.8
275	110	Br Land	226	-4	6.3	3.7	20.9
188	108	Brixton	184	-2	8.1	5.9	14.0
55	44	Burford	45¼	...	0.9	2.8	23.8
125	88	Cap & Regnl	121	...	...	1.1	...
200	75	Cardiff Prop	130	...	2.4	2.7	-
433	103	Chesterfield	226	...	18.5	...	15.9
83	9	City Site Ests	21	...	1.4	...	...
40	8	Clarke Nickolls	16	...	0.3	...	3.9
32	8	Clayform	13	...	...	...	...
883	785	Daejan	818	...	25.0	3.8	13.3
4¼	¼	Dares Estates	1¼	...	...	...	...
76	30	Debenhm Twsn	74	...	2.5	4.5	26.9
12	1	De Morgan	9	...	...	...	...
135	76	Dencora	89	...	5.5	8.2	...
540	263	Derwent Hldgs	323	...	8.6	3.6	38.3
250	170	Estates Agency	210	...	3.0	1.9	19.3
98	6	Estates Gen	15	...	3.7	...	4.7
143	100	Evans Of Leeds	133	...	4.1	4.2	12.7
31	11	Five Oaks	15	...	...	...	...
35	28	Fletcher King	36	...	1.0	3.7	26.0
348	188	Frogmore	345	...	15.0	5.8	18.0
125	51	Grainger	105	...	5.2	6.7	23.5
182	84	Gr Portland	146	+4	10.0	9.1	14.5
114	6¼	Greycoat	11	-¼	5.2	...	...
129	63	HK Land	124	+3	...	4.1	20.8
48	19	Hambro Cntyw	41	-1	0.0	0.2	...
588	180	Hammerson	335	+5	10.0	4.0	10.5
503	165	-do- 'A'	322	+6	10.0	4.1	15.4
150	69	Helical Bar	141	...	4.0	3.8	...
30	20	Hemingway	22	...	...	...	...
175	85	Herring Baker	86	...	7.0	10.9	...
225	133	Jermyn	133	...	1.5	1.5	...
504	343	Land Sec	482	-2	21.7	6.0	14.6
83	62	Lon Merch Sec	81	...	3.8	6.3	12.9
3¼	1¼	Lon & Metro	2¼	...	...	...	...
411	196	MEPC	370	-6	20.0	7.2	15.5
6¼	3	McInerney A	6¼	...	...	...	...
145	76	McKay Secs	104	...	6.7	...	17.1
20	3	Markheath	4¼	...	0.5	...	...
133	8	Medvale Mre	25	+1	1.0	5.3	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
46	27	Moorfield Est	33	...	...	0.4	...
1075	580	Mountview	825	...	18.0	2.9	8.4
9	2¼	Mowata	2¼ #	...	...	...	...
139	101	Mucklow (A&J)	133	-¼	5.9	5.9	17.4
53	33	New Cavendish	50	...	...	...	26.8
117	30	Olive Hldgs	31	...	9.0	...	4.7
9	3¼	Ossory Est	9	...	0.1	2.5	2.3
20	8	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	0.9
111	54	Prop Security	105 ↑	+1	3.7	4.8	20.9
122¼	14¼	Property Trust	38	...	...	...	...
4¼	¼	Raglan	2	...	...	...	...
68	1¼	Regalian	15	+¼	1.5	13.3	3.0
10¼	3¼	Rosehaugh	7¼ #	...	...	...	...
175	125	Rowlinson Secs	125	...	1.3	1.4	26.6
25	12	St Modwen Prp	24	...	0.6	3.4	-
47	21	Savills	45	...	...	...	...
72	18	Scot Met	46	+2	1.5	4.3	...
67	39	Shaftesbury	67	...	...	...	...
12¼	2	Shield	10¼	...	...	...	...
39	11	Sinclair Gldsm	35 #	...	0.5	1.9	...
248	83	Slough Estates	187	...	8.1	5.8	10.6
78	36	Southend Prop	58	...	4.1	9.6	29.3
20¼	2¼	Speyhawk	13¼	...	...	...	...
39	9	Stanhope Prpts	19¼	...	...	...	...
88	58	Town Centre	89	...	3.1	4.6	17.4
62	35	Trafford Park	60	+1	2.5	5.7	16.2
35	7	UK Land	19	-3	...	...	...
7	4	Union Square	4	...	...	...	...
217	119	Warner	192	...	10.5	7.6	16.9
245	175	Warnford	175	...	7.2	5.6	12.0
8	1	Waterglade	6¼	-¼	...	...	...
91	23	Wates	44	-2¼	3.7	11.3	11.1
44	17	Wood John Dv	40	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	9	Automagic	13	...	...	...	...
101	42	Headlam	99	...	2.4	3.2	38.2
490	265	Lambert	490	+25	12.5	3.4	12.8
111	63	Pittard Garnar	93	...	1.5	2.2	12.3
41	18	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	6.1	6.1
193	88	Stylo	126	+1	2.5	2.6	...

TEXTILES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
471	362	Allied Text	471 ↑	..	12.6	3.6	-
73	47	Beckman (A)	61	-1	4.7	10.4	12.1
52	21	Bolton Gp	23	...	...	...	11.7
164	138	Br Mohair	162	-1	9.5	7.0	12.8
119	30	Celestion	118	...	1.2	1.4	...
41	15	Charnwell	20	...	0.4	2.7	...
337	186¼	Claremont Ga	325	...	...	1.6	22.3
593	364	Courtauld Text	590	-3	13.0	2.9	17.4
248¼	160	Dawson	225	...	9.0	5.3	21.9
59	17	Drummond	24	...	1.5	...	7.7
60	17¼	Dunkeld	36	...	...	...	...
73	60	Faupel	72	...	...	9.1	7.1
68	24	Foster (John)	32	...	0.5	2.1	...
142	84	Gaskell	85	...	8.5	...	...
186	99	Hicking Pncst	171	...	3.4	2.7	14.5
73	38	Jerome (S)	45	-1	1.0	...	...
389	215	Lamont	286	...	...	5.6	14.0
410¼	205¼	Leeds	401 ↑	...	...	2.4	19.4
41	15	Lister	40	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	81	Lyles (S)	107	...	4.9	6.1	12.1
94	53	Parkland 'A'	81	...	2.0	3.3	...
95¼	63	Readicut	94	...	3.4	4.9	18.7
71	30	SEET	45	...	...	...	...
94	67	Sirdar	92	-7	5.1	7.5	15.9
53	29	Stirling Gp	51	..	1.6	4.2	22.0
59	31	Stoddard	50	...	2.6	7.0	13.3
312	198	Tomkinsons	309	...	11.5	5.0	26.7
5¼	3	West Trust	4	...	...	...	...
356	160	Yorklyde	339	...	9.7	3.9	15.8

TOBACCOS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1010	608	BAT	928	+2	33.6	4.8	24.5
609	480	Rothmans 'B'	606	+5	10.2	2.3	13.9

TRANSPORT

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
440	211	Assoc Br Ports	377	-2	8.0	2.8	...
816	531	BAA	772	-13	14.5	2.5	13.6
315	219	Br Airways	285	-5	10.1	4.5	7.6
182	45	Clarkson (H)	78	...	8.0	...	...
101	11	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	3.5
500	293	Eurotunnel Uts	400	+3	...	...	...
98	44	Fisher (James)	49	-5	5.5	..	13.7
140	70	Graig	133	...	4.5	4.4	...
203	147	IoM Steam	158	...	...	6.3	7.6
39	22	Jacobs (J)	30	...	1.9	8.4	12.9
53	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	41	...	1.2	4.1	25
1512¼	1237¼	Manchstr Sh	1437¼	-90	45	0.4	7.8
334	190	Mersey Docks	333	...	7.5	3.0	-
210	168	Natl Express	202	-1	...	4.7	13.3
290	216	NFC	264	-1	6.5	3.3	20.1
357	170	Ocean Group	268	...	14.3	7.1	12.1
63	31	Ocean Wilson	51	...	...	7.0	11.4
564	296¼	P & O Dfd	547	+1	30.5	7.4	19.3
156	97	P & O 5 1/2%	131	-2	...	5.6	...
522	267	Powell Duffryn	522	...	22.6	5.8	20.9
138	96	Seacon	126 ↑	-2	...	5.4	-
59	23¼	TIP Europe	27¼	...	1.4	6.8	6.7
87	24	TNT	35¼	...	...	...	...
745	495¼	Tibbet & Britn	725	...	...	2.0	29.0
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CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** on a new and very mixed bag of real-life tragedy and reel-life comedy and action

Two hours of a life sentence



Edging towards death's door: Zack O'Malley Greenburg plays the little boy struck down by a dreadful disease in Lorenzo's Oil; Susan Sarandon plays his courageous mother

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Sniper
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How much you relish **Lorenzo's Oil** depends largely on your pain threshold. For this true-life story of two parents battling to understand and relieve the dreadful wasting disease affecting their son puts the audience through the wringer in a way few Hollywood films ever attempt. Lorenzo Odone is five years old when he is struck by adrenoleukodystrophy, or ALD, a disease that corrodes the myelin coating around the nerves. The prognosis is brutal: gradual loss of movement, sight and hearing, choking seizures, and death within two years.

George Miller's film — his first as a director since the vastly different *The Witches of Eastwick* — attacks the hard facts head on. A doctor himself before he switched to cinema, Miller never spoonfeeds the viewer.

There lies Lorenzo (played by six children, chiefly Zack O'Malley Greenburg), writhing and gasping in scene upon scene as his brain functions steadily collapse. There stand his parents, Nick Nolte and Susan Sarandon, living on a knife edge, obsessively pursuing a possible cure through research libraries and chemical labs as the world's scientists (led by Peter Ustinov) drag their feet.

This is gruelling viewing: more gruelling, indeed, than strictly necessary. Miller uses distorting lenses and high-angled shots to stress the enormity of the Odones' battle. But the Odones struggle on: it is the viewer who becomes intimidated.

As the Italian father, an economist for the World Bank, Nolte casts his own dark shadow, gesticulating madly, glasses dangling from one ear, his dialogue half smothered by a botched accent. Sarandon has a better time as his wife, an Irish-American with ginger hair, though she never lightens the oppressive mood.

After more than two hours the audience's ordeal is over. Ours is truly insignificant compared with Lorenzo's and all other sufferers of ALD. But for many cinemagoers the emotional price to be paid for watching this unrelenting story of human courage may still be too much.

Otherwise, the week is crowded with comedy. There is much to smile about in Andrew Bergman's **Honeymoon in Vegas**, especially the sight of 15 Elvis Presley lookalikes in illuminated suits skydiving into the gambling capital's glitz and glitter. There is also Nicolas Cage, not the most expert hand at delivering jokes, and his frantic shouting as a private eye in a romantic pickle does indeed grow tiresome. But agreeable co-stars, and Bergman's knack for old-fashioned screwball comedy, keep the film bouncing above its faults.

Cage is afraid of marriage, but his longtime girlfriend Sarah Jessica Parker cajoles him into tying the knot in Las Vegas. An Elvis convention is in town. So is James Caan, a sneaky gambler who extracts a weekend fling in Hawaii with Parker as the price for cleaning out Cage at poker. Bergman, sticking to the screwball spirit of late 1930s Hollywood, keeps the fun innocent: Caan, who has a great time sending himself up, makes a point of being courtly, and the couple, you notice, never bed down.

Visually, the film appears pinched and cheap: if his name had not been on the credits, nobody could have guessed that such a distinguished photographer as William A. Fraker was controlling the camera. But many a vintage Hollywood farce survived on the merits of a zany script, droll characters and engaging players. *Honeymoon in Vegas*, all faults acknowledged, follows suit.

Leon The Pig Farmer, a British independent production, had no access to Hollywood-sized finances. The cast and crew worked on deferment, while the working budget was just £160,000, supplied by 40 assorted investors. Yet its exuberance and polish makes much of *Honeymoon* look limp. Vadim Jean and Gary Sinyor, its young debuting directors, clearly love the film medium, and they extract full value from every pound spent, every location visited.

Leon, their bemused hero (Mark Frankel), is a sensitive Jewish lad from north London who learns that he is a product of artificial insemination. Worse still, his biological father is a bluff Yorkshire pig farmer, played in rafters-ringing style by Brian Glover. Subtlety is not the film's strongest suit, and the script's silliness gets totally out of hand when Leon produces kosher livestock by injecting a pig with sheep's semen. But, before this calamity, there is plenty here to enjoy, from the comic swipes at Jewish and gentile life (likely to upset only the most orthodox of souls) to the directors' infectious *joie de vivre*.

And so to action, adventure, heads kicked in, and rivers of blood. The most violent by far of the week's offerings is the Australian **Romper Stomper**, which has stirred virulent protests and rapturous praise for its hyperactive portrait of neo-Nazi skinheads battling neighbourhood "gooks" in Melbourne. Their leader is Hando (the fast-rising young actor Russell Crowe), so rabid a racist that he refuses to eat pasta sauce. Not that much eating gets done: these pathetic outcasts spend most of their time nursing their misery and bludgeoning the Vietnamese.

Director Geoffrey Wright may well be sincere in his stated intention to deplore racial bigotry and show that "hate and violence begets hate and violence". Alas, he never probes far into character or motive, and gets carried away by his own exuberance.

The violence comes served with flashy artistic trimmings: the photography uses bilious colours (he has obviously seen *A Short Film About Killing*), and one rampage is hideously edited to the strains of the *Pearl Fishers* duet.

This is the kind of show-off exercise made to grab Hollywood's attention. No harm in that, as such: the trouble starts when the unpleasant visuals and pounding music send the wrong signals to susceptible audiences.

Under Siege returns us to the comparative safety of comic-book fare. Our hero is Steven Seagal (accent on the last syllable, please), a square-jawed chap with no discernible neck who drives the action fans wild. He can demolish scenery with a single kick. He can snarl. He can glower. As for acting, not much is required from him: the villains have all the juicy material in this fanciful tale of the veteran US battleship *Missouri* hijacked at sea by rogue military warriors out to steal its nuclear arsenal.

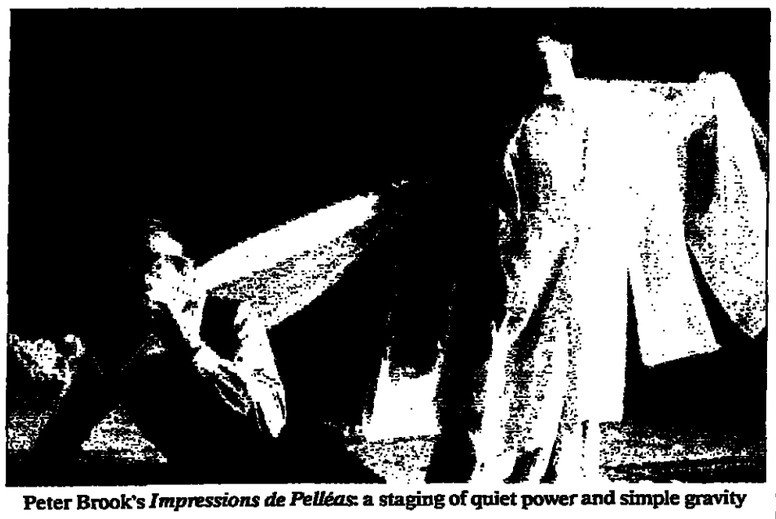
Tommy Lee Jones, the hijack leader, lolls around in black leather and generally acts like a 1960s acid head come home to roost; Gary Busey, his number two, gets to dress up in drag. But Seagal, as the battleship's cook with a secret past as a special operative, just has humdrum heroic things to do, like wresting back control of the hulking ship and falling faintly in love with a *Playboy* pin-up flown in for the admiral's birthday party. The film barrels along under director Andrew Davis's firm control, with fisticuffs, explosions and a modicum of wit. If you want these goods, the film delivers them.

Sniper thrusts us into the post-Noriega Panamanian jungle for a B-movie about two US sharpshooters (Tom Berenger and Billy Zane) on a mission to kill a troublesome general. The taut direction by Luis Llosa, cousin of the distinguished novelist Mario Vargas Llosa, might persuade the unwary that this is actually a good film. Once the characters start talking, though, the penny drops.

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OPERA: **Benedict Nightingale** on Peter Brook's reworking of Debussy in Glasgow; **Stephen Pettitt** on two very different stagings of *Don Giovanni*

Magic justifies the methods



Peter Brook's *Impressions de Pelléas*: a staging of quiet power and simple gravity

Ten years ago Peter Brook's reworking of *Carmen* came to New York, where I was then working, and caused a civil war between the theatre reviewers and the music critics. For those of us who gathered beneath the sign of the buskin, it threw off years of fuss and traditionalist ado and penetrated to the very heart of the story, as Mérimée and his librettists, Meilhac and Halévy, had conceived it. But for those marching under banners emblazoned with clefs rampant, it was an awful atrocity perpetrated on the pristine form of Bizet. I can tell you, because I was taking cover under a table at the time, that there was nearly a punch-up between the factions in Sardi's.

Now here is Brook again, with another opera about a baffling, fateful love. Debussy's *Pelléas et Mélisande* is, I suppose, a lesser work than *Carmen* and therefore unlikely to become quite the same *cause célèbre* or *casus belli*. But I foresee shouts of "philistine!" and "purist!" once more criss-crossing the restaurants and theatre foyers. My operatic colleague Rodney Milnes was appalled by the production when he saw it in Paris. For him, a fine work had been lopped and chopped into "an everyday tale of bourgeois adultery". For me, there is a quiet power, a simple gravity, about the evening that goes far towards justifying Brook's revisionism.

First, let's agree that the piece he is bringing to the Glasgow Tramway is hardly an offence under the Trades Description Act. Just as his *Carmen* was touted as *La Tragédie de Carmen*, this is a chamber opera called **Impressions de Pelléas**. That turns out to mean no orchestra, no rustics, no sinister tramps: just a couple of pianos and six singers, one of them a boy with only a few bars of reedy treble to deliver. Brook being Brook, it also means wholesale relocation to a decidedly unexotic and unglamorous environment: a few chairs casually covered with drapes, a fish-tank, a vase of hydrangeas, a couple of gas-lamps and — between oriental carpets that look as if they have done years of service in his *Mahabharata* — two square, shallow pools.

The clothes are vaguely Edwardian, but equally easy to ignore. What clearly matters to Brook is the depth of emotion to be found in Maeterlinck's story and the subtlety of feeling suggested by Debussy's dappled, rippling chords. We never find out who Mélisande is, why she is discovered wandering lost and frightened in a forest, or who has driven her there. All we know is that her innocence and elusiveness fascinate the princely siblings Golaud, who marries her, and Pelléas, who falls in love with her; and that death is the result. But it is, or should be, enough for Brook. Does he generate the necessary intensity and magic?

On the whole, I think so. Rodney Milnes was surely right to regret one or two omissions. And some of the stage-effects seem over-deliberate. Why does everybody have to walk so very, very slowly? Isn't a mite too much use made now of white-blue and now of mellow-yellow light?

Yet gradually Brook establishes a dream-like atmosphere, and gradually his cast builds on it. These are singers with real acting skills. Jungwon Park, his Asiatic Mélisande, has a pure, limpid voice, but also the ability to suggest inwardness and forlorn bewilderment. Somewhat the same goes for Vincent le Texier's quietly desperate Golaud and Jean-Francois Lapointe's Pelléas.

In its understatement, their final scene is quintessential Brook. Le Texier hugs Lapointe, quickly stabs him, and then kneels mournfully and regretfully beside the grieving Park. A few moments later, he is standing like some goofy scarecrow, hunched, slumped and askew, behind her body. And then all that is left is tiny Yniold, the half-comprehending witness to these strange, fascinating events, and all that is heard is a single piano note, dolefully repeated again and again. Are we theatre buffs really alone in responding to that?

Don twice over

The Hackney Empire has a friendly atmosphere and a lovely, resonant acoustic, though the pit's cramped dimensions are problematic. **Opera Box**'s *Don Giovanni*, produced by Andrew Gallacher (who also sang the part of the Commendatore), solved that problem by employing a drastically cut-down Wren Orchestra — just single strings and woodwind. That, however, resulted in many a textural curiosity and also demonstrated how challenging Mozart's string parts really are.

The assembled crowd for the Empire's first ever opera included many who seemed to be losing their operatic virginity. They were enthusiastic but this production, played against simple, effective grey-stone sets, was not notable for originality, though the hellish smoke and fire at the end was well managed.

Nor was the singing of Amanda Holden's excellent English translation exactly glorious. Bridget Gill's Donna Anna had a relentlessly hard, strained quality, and she seemed as yet ill-equipped to tackle Mozart's coloratura writing. Russell Hibberd's Don Ottavio was husky and similarly tense, at least until he unleashed himself in his final aria. Helen Walker's Donna Elvira, rightly haughty, needed more light and shade.

Even the peasant pair, the nicest people in the opera, were ill-matched. I much enjoyed Alison Charlton-West's neat and flexible Zerlina, properly light in tone and the most genuinely Mozartian voice on stage. But John Morgan's Masetto was clumsy in all the wrong ways, his body beating time to the music, his words falling out unnaturally, his sound less than mature. Both Brendan Wheatley's Giovanni and Ian Comboy's Leporello — comparable baritones in sound and appearance, which made the disguise scenes convincing — showed a welcome confidence in their acting and singing, though there have been finer-tuned performances.

This production bore all the signs of not being guided and scrutinised by someone from outside. Gallacher and his team were only able to outline the basics of each character, while Fraser Goulding's often loose and sometimes stodgy conducting helped neither singers nor players.

At the Drill Hall, off Tottenham Court Road, another, very different *Giovanni*, presented by **Music Theatre London**, has started a run. Tony Britten's and Nick Broadhurst's translation is, to say the least, a loose one. This Giovanni (Gerard Casey) is a smooth late-1980s yuppie, Donna Anna (Jill Washington) a Sloane Ranger, Elvira (Gaynor Miles) a television producer. On the other side of the social divide, where lager is preferred to exotic cocktails, Masetto (Simon Butteriss) comes from the East End and is an unemployed carpenter, while Zerlina (Liza Sadovy) has become a tarty punk who works in Woolworth's. The cast is completed with a Leporello described as a minder (Mark Ryan), an Ottavio who is something in the city (William Relton), and a Commendatore who is, reasonably enough, a retired Army officer (Tim Hardy).

The gags are great, the acting wonderfully timed. But Britten's distillation of the orchestra to six (including the conductor, Paul Bateman, who plays the synthesizer), and the emphasis on acting rather than singing, does Mozart no favours.



LONDON

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Heather Alston

FESTIVAL OF BRITTEN: The month-long festival gets underway today with a performance in St Giles, Cripplegate by students from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama (6pm) of *Curlew River*, the first of the composer's three "Parables for Church Performance", chamber operas influenced by Japanese Noh theatre. The opera is performed again on Saturday. This is followed at 7.30pm in London's Barbican Hall by the first of the LSO's concerts under the festival's artistic director, Mstislav Rostropovich. The programme comprises Britten's arrangement of the slow movement of Mahler's Symphony No 3, Shostakovich's Symphony No 14 (dedicated to Britten) and the world premiere of *Memorial*, by Colin Matthews. With soprano Elena Prokina. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today to March 21.

MR A'S AMAZING MAZE PLAY: Alan Ayckbourn children's show about a girl and her dog searching for stolen sounds in an old mansion where villainous Mr Accousticus has hidden his collection of stolen sounds. **National (Cottesloe)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Previews from tonight, 7pm, opens Mar 4, 7pm, then in repertoire.

THE LONDON ORIGINAL PRINT FAIR: The eighth Annual Print Fair is well established at the Royal Academy and boasts a selection of carefully screened dealers, high quality prints and modest prices. **Royal Academy of Arts**, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 11am-6pm, from today to next Sun.

PLAYLAND: The latest play by South African writer Athol Fugard receives its British premiere at the Donmar Warehouse, featuring the original cast from the Market Theatre, Johannesburg. The meeting of a war veteran (Sean Taylor) and a nightwatchman (John Kani) unleashes feelings of remorse, hostility and recognition. **Donmar Warehouse**, WC2, (071-867 1150). Previews from tonight, opens Mar 2. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm.

ALFRED BRENDEL: As part of his Beethoven cycle 1992-1995, the pianist plays a series of the composer's sonatas including the popular *Moonlight* and *Waldstein*. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, SE1, (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm.

THE ALBAN BERG QUARTET: The South Bank's chamber music series continues with string quartets by Haydn, Lutoslawski and Ravel. **Queen Elizabeth Hall**, South Bank, SE1, (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.45pm.

V-TOL DANCE COMPANY: Mark Murphy's company V-TOL, which stands for Vertical Take-Off and Landing, poses questions audiences would rather not face. The company, dressed to kill, dance in their highly charged very physical style portraying a mix of intimacy, murder and betrayal. **The Place**, Duke's Road, WC1 (071-387 0031). Tonight-Sat, 8pm.

REGIONAL

NOTTINGHAM: The National stages Alan Bleasdale's new comedy **On the Ledge**, in a co-production with the Nottingham Playhouse. Prior to joining the Lyttelton repertoire the play receives its premiere in Nottingham and then tours nationwide. The play, a wild comic portrayal of a modern city going to hell, surprisingly marks Bleasdale's debut at the National. Robin Lefevre directs. **Playhouse Theatre**, Wellington Circus, (0602 419419). Opens tonight, 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

GLASGOW: The jazz innovator and pioneer of cultural crossbreeding, exploring world or "primal" music, goes on tour. The **Don Cherry Quartet** will visit Glasgow, Edinburgh and London. **Glasgow**, City Hall (041-227 5511), Thurs, 8pm. **Edinburgh**, Queen's Hall (031-668 2019), Fri, 8.30pm. **London**, Queen Elizabeth Hall, (071-928 8800), Mon, 7.45pm.

BRIGHTON: Snap Theatre Company continues touring the country with its stage adaptation of Evelyn Waugh's novel *Brideshead Revisited*. The story of a doomed aristocratic family, set in the luxury and decadence of the 1920s and 1930s. Andrew Loudon plays Charles Ryder and David Willoughby plays Sebastian Flyte. **Gardner Centre**, (0273 685861). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm.

WARRINGTON: The Motionhouse tour continues. In *Arcadia*, the company takes the audience into a magical world filled with ghosts, spirits, a cursed family house and visions. **Parr Hall**, Palmyra Street, (0925 35981), tonight, 7.30pm. **Northwich**, Harlequin Theatre, (0606 861770), Sat, 8pm.

CAMBRIDGE: Cheek by Jowl presents two French plays in this 1993 tour. *Don't Fool with Love* by Alfred de Musset about a perfect couple and a love affair that goes tragically wrong. *The Blind Men* by Michel de Ghelderode tells the story of a trip to Rome; they believe they have arrived until they meet a one-eyed man who sees things differently. **Arts Theatre**, 6 St Edward's Passage, (0223 352000). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **ARTISTS AND ADMIRERS:** Ostrovsky's sharp, affectionate picture of a theatrical anthill in Russia circa 1880. Lovely performances by, among others, Sylvestra le Touzel and Philip Voss. **The Pit**, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm, 7.15pm. 150mins.

☐ **BARNUM:** Agreeable showbiz musical, with Paul Nicholas walking the high wire. **Dominion**, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 140mins. Final week.

■ **CAROUSEL:** Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein fairground musical. **National (Lyttelton)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins.

◩ **LE CIRQUE INVISIBLE:** Victoria Chaplin and Jean Baptiste Thierrée return with their troupe of acrobats, clowns and other performers in an exotic, engaging new family show. **Riverside Studios**, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. 120mins.

◩ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate. **Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **ENNIO MARCHETTO:** The master of quick-change origami cabaret, with impressions from Mona Lisa to Madonna and everyone in between. **Whitehall**, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 9pm, mat Thurs, 4pm. 120mins.

☐ **ENTERTAINING MR SLOANE:** Brisk, pointed revival of Orton's first success, with Janet Dale and Ian Gelder as a sublimely amoral brother-and-sister team. **Greenwich**, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ **HAY FEVER:** Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy. **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◩ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. **Globe**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

■ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher. **National (Olivier)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2pm, 7.15pm. 115mins.

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing. **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◩ **KING LEAR:** Solid, respectable performance by Tom Wilkinson in a low-powered staging by Max Stafford-Clark. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 195mins.

☐ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:** Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

◩ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Zoe Wanamaker, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success. **Young Vic**, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 75mins.

☐ **LOST IN YONKERS:** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt. **Strand**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

◩ **MISERY:** Nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller. **Criterion**, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

◩ **LA MUSICA:** Very intense dissection of past love by Marguerite Duras. Harriet Walter's charged performance provides interest. **Hampstead**, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 90mins. Final week.

☐ **NO MAN'S LAND:** Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff. **Comedy**, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

◩ **THE PRISONERS OF WAR:** Lively production of J.R. Ackerley's coded but clear drama about British officers tormented by love for one another. Astonishingly licensed by the Lord Chamberlain in 1925. **New End**, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (071-794 0022). Tues-Sun, 8pm, mat Sun, 4pm. 115mins. Final week.

☐ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT:** William Gaunt, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel. **Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

☐ **THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA:** David Thacker's winning revival, Thirties style, both comic and romantic, delightfully acted — not least by a reproachful mutt. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm, 7.15pm. 150mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ◩ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ■ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◩ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ◩ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◩ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◩ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country

BAD LIEUTENANT (18): Forceful, uncomfortable study of a depraved New York cop hooked on drugs and alcohol from director Abel Ferrara. Astonishing performance by Harvey Keitel. **Odeon Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

♦ **HELLRAISER III: HELL ON EARTH** (18): Clive Barker's Pinhead monster returns for more bizarre carnage. Director, Anthony Hickox. **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE LAST DAYS OF CHEZ NOUS (15): An eccentric Sydney household unravels over one hot summer. Uneven feminist drama from director Gillian Armstrong. **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Metro** (071-437 0757)

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THEATRE: **Jeremy Kingston** flounders among Agatha Christie's mannered red herrings

A mysterious affair of styles

Murder is Easy
Duke of York's

Killing off the villagers in Wychwood-under-Ashe may be easy enough, but preventing outbursts of incredulous laughter at Agatha Christie's dialogue is quite beyond the skill of Wyn Jones and the cast he directs. Are they playing *The Mousetrap* for laughs these days? I hope not.

To be fair to Jones, who directed an excellent *Rutherford and Son* at the New End a few years back, he may have intended audiences to laugh, and told his cast to speak their wretched lines with perfect seriousness while conveying their idiocy by subtle use of body language. Thus Peter Capaldi, playing the amateur detective Luke ("These are facts, just facts") Fitzwilliam, holds his arms stiffly to his sides to signal that he has been manufactured from fourth-grade cardboard.

Likewise, Charlotte Attenborough, who plays the woman he fancies, Bridget ("Oh my God!") Conway, arches her spine backwards like a student of t'ai chi. Such a pose looks, we recognise, notably artificial in the art deco drawing-room of Ashe Manor.

Bullnecked Lord ("You'll pay for this, Rivers!") Whitfield and Miss ("I had a little canary") Waynflete are fittingly stereotyped by Nigel Davenport and Irene Sutcliffe. One could go down the list of characters: Major ("I like bulldogs") Horton, Mrs ("Oh, my poor little Tommy!") Pierce and nancy-boy Roger ("Delicious!") Ellsworthy, speak the unspeakable in tones appropriate to bluster, dismay or roguishness, and we giggle at such earnest attempts to give body to phantoms.

DONALD COOPER



Murder most fouled up: amateur detective Luke Fitzwilliam (Peter Capaldi) uncovers a clue in Murder is Easy

Christie's novel has been dramatised by Clive Exton, scriptwriter of many a *Poirot* play on television, where sharp cutting and the impedimenta of period settings bolster the illusion that the detective is actually detecting.

The inhabitants of Wychwood, however, while for ever handing each other Scotches, sherries, brandies and plates of steaming batter pudding, are obliged to talk of nothing but Tommy who fell off a window-sill, Amy who drank oxalic acid, Harry who drowned in the weir, and poor dear Miss Pinkerton who was knocked down on her way to Scotland Yard.

Exton's plodding stage technique provides the hero with an investigative skill it would be hard to discern under an electron microscope. The murderer is outwitted by chance, and although a fight arranger is credited in the programme, the scuffle between killer and victim lasts half a second before a blackout puts a stop to it.

Money has been spent on the set, designed by Christopher Morley and Christopher Woods: a blue cyclorama and a revolve that takes us from Ashe Manor to three village interiors and the standing stones of Witches' Meadow, where Ellsworthy and his London pals are said to perform nameless rituals.

Sadly, we learn nothing of these, nor will this review, heeding the management's request, reveal the identity of the killer — unlike the blabbermouths who compiled the programme.

TELEVISION REVIEW

Hell hath no fury like four women

THE title of Jane Rogers's four-part adaptation of her novel — **Mr Wroe's Virgins** — might have suggested a blue movie about the misdeeds of a naughty vicar. But those (encouraged by preview promises of nudity) who expected titillation must have been chastened by last night's subtle, intelligent telling on BBC 2.

John Wroe was a real-life charismatic "prophet" belonging to a sect of British Israelites who proclaimed the new Jerusalem at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1828. He did indeed take seven virgins (not all in the strict sense) "for succour and comfort" into his sanctuary, and two of them later accused him of "indecency and things not fit to be spoken". But Rogers made Wroe an ambiguous figure, and used him and the story of his strange mission in Ashton as a lens through which to refract the experiences and philosophies of four contrasting women.

Television, with its unclouded eye, tends to obliterate differences of viewpoint, but Danny Boyle's sensitive direction managed to capture both the weirdly impressive millenarian fervour and the sheer absurdity of Ashton's latter-day saints, beating tambourines through the lanes of Lancashire in ancient Hebrew garb. What was missing was the sense of the industrial revolution in its rude youth, a rough beast smashing through landscapes and social structures in a godless second coming. No wonder Wroe could persuade so many people that the end of the world was nigh.

Jonathan Pryce's performance as the prophet was perfectly judged. The cavernous eyes beneath the high domed brow, framed by uncut Hebrew locks and busy grey beard, dispensed an uncanny mixture of charisma and cunning. Wroe, and Pryce, kept everyone guessing, exciting curiosity and never giving the safe satisfaction of conforming to type. Perhaps Wroe did possess a certain greatness in remaining one step ahead: many of his prophecies were pretty accurate, and he ended his days in Australia as a revered 80-year-old.

The prophet certainly kept one step ahead of Leah, the first and least virginal of the four whose tales will be told over the next month. Minnie Driver played her skilfully as a pert little missus, confident of her sexual attraction and prepared to use it for entertainment as well as advantage. Leah had an illegitimate child, which was one good reason for seeking Wroe's protection. Convinced of the baseness of the prophet's motives (which merely reflected her own) she was sure she could win him over and gain power in his household. But her carefully staged attempts at seduction were too obvious and her tale ended darkly and bitterly, in attempted revenge and the death of her son.

HARRY EYRES

CONCERTS: Schubert to the fore, with Keats as an ally and Beethoven as a role model

Romantics in tandem

International Songmakers
Wigmore Hall

BEAUTY is truth, truth beauty. Since this is all we know on earth, and need to know, it could only be a matter of time before Graham Johnson, indefatigable advocate of the word in the recital room, should yield to the verbal embrace of John Keats, and find in his sensibility the alter ego of his best beloved, Franz Schubert.

Only Johnson could uncover the facts that not only were the English poet and the Austrian composer born only two years apart and shared a premature death, but also that they were five foot tall and inordinately fond of Classical art. Nature and their friends. The interplay of each respective *Geist* on the *Zeit* in which they lived (or vice versa) was unfolded in a programme of verse and song.

There were times when neither muse benefited greatly by juxtaposition with the other. A tiny fragment of Keats's great *The Eve of St Agnes* was intoned by Jill Balcon immediately before Schubert's mock-gothic and somewhat kitsch serenade, "Liebeslauschen". For the most part, though, Johnson's intuitive powers and conscientious research served both men well. Keats's carefree tree-climbing schoolboys swung into Schubert's "Der Knabe"; the voluptuousness with which the consumptive poet was half in love with easeful death met its match in Schubert's Novalis setting, "Nacthymne".

The evening also had a hidden agenda. In bridging German and English Romanticism, Johnson celebrated the inauguration of his new International Songmakers. Now the young British singers, for whom he has for years provided musical patronage, are to be joined by one European visitor in each concert. This time the soprano Susan Gritton and tenor Jamie MacDougall were joined by the still-young Swiss baritone Oliver Widner. He, of all three, has had the most sustenance and support in high places; but, as far as Lieder is concerned, each one has a fair way to go both vocally and interpretatively.

HILARY FINCH

Laudable influences

Richard Goode
Queen Elizabeth Hall

THE shadow of Beethoven, at once inspiring and intimidating, hangs heavy over the keyboard works of Schubert. It was therefore particularly fascinating to hear three of the latter composer's piano sonatas played by the American pianist Richard Goode. He already has a considerable reputation as a Beethoven specialist, and is, indeed, currently engaged in the recording of a Beethoven cycle.

The three sonatas chosen by Goode revealed an interesting progression in Schubert's development, offering an early, middle and late example of the genre: the A minor, D357, from 1817 (written when Schubert was just out of his teens); the C major ("Reliquie"), D840, an incomplete two-movement work from seven years later; and the irrepressibly inventive A major, D859, from the composer's last year.

The first movement of the A minor is notable for its quasi-Beethovenian gestures, from its stark contrasts of *forte* and *piano*, to its emphatic, insistently repeated figures. But Goode is a subtle enough musician to differentiate between the imitation of a youthful admirer and the genuine poet. He gave eloquent voice to the song-like subsidiary material of this movement, and then to the inspired lyricism of the following Allegretto, whose recurring theme curiously returns, in modified form, in the Rondo finale of D959.

We were able to hear the greater breadth, the increased self-confidence, in the C major sonata. With the sensitivity of Goode's playing, too, we could savour the melancholy of the second-movement Andante — a mood whose foretaste of the noble C major Quintet makes even more poignant the fact that the sonata remains a torso.

With the late A major, the integration of Beethovenian drama and Schubertian lyricism is flawless, as was Goode's handling of the result. Dynamic contrasts were registered without aggressive emphasis, while the spirit of song was free to soar.

BARRY MILLINGTON

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His characters always have an uneasy relationship with authority and hierarchy, and in *No Other Life* he works, as in many of his earlier fictions, in the painful space between religious faith and non-belief. This is today a less lonely and uncomfortable place than it was when Graham Greene first colonized parts of it; but it is no criticism to say that Mooreland and Greeneland have a common market in concerns and preoccupations.

No Other Life is set on a backward Caribbean island, acknowledged to be based on Haiti, where the first black president in the island's history turns out to be even more tyrannical and corrupt than his predecessors. The narrator is Father Paul, a mild French-Canadian priest who teaches in the private school that educates the island's mulatto elite. Father Paul introduces into the school a black orphan from a poor mountain village who becomes his proxy son. This boy, Jeannot, is the most important thing that has ever happened to Father Paul. Jeannot is exceptionally receptive. He takes Father Paul's Christian teaching about giving one's life for others quite literally, and starts a youth movement to help the poor.

Later, as an ordained priest, Jeannot returns to work among the poorest of the poor, who flock to his church. Father Paul, who has always loved him, with the pure, protective love of a lonely celibate, is no longer the mentor but the disciple. His own faith is revivified by Jeannot's example and his inspirational preaching. Jeannot has exceptional holiness and personal magnetism. (It is a measure of Moore's verbal fastidiousness that he never once falls back on the word "charisma".) Jeannot may be a saint. The poor hail him as the Messiah.

But everything changes when the young Messiah's incantatory sermons begin to preach armed revolt, and he "crosses from the City of God to the city of men". He is elected president, and builds an organization — with a private army, not so unlike that of the dead tyrant — to further his Christlike ideals. In his holy single-mindedness, he has no time for democratic procedures. The official army — run like all the island's institutions by the mulattos, whose wealth and privileges will be removed under Jeannot's regime — plot against him. The Vatican threatens to excommunicate him. By the end, Jeannot



Brian Moore: big themes, good story

is on the run, accompanied by the loyal but now bewildered Father Paul.

Father Paul has his own trajectory. In a crucial episode, his dying mother tells him she has lost her faith. "When we die, there is nothing . . . There is no other life." Doubt seeps into his own mind — not only about God, but about the part he himself has played. He took Jeannot from his simple village life and made him what he is. How many hundreds have died because of Jeannot's revolutionary preachings?

For even though this is primarily a novel of ideas, the ideas are embedded in a welter of massacres, demonstrations, firing-squads, conspiracies, car-chases, and all the accoutrements of a thriller. These set-pieces are flatly written. The novel is the treatment for the movie, as it were, and the reader has to be both director and cameraman in order to make the big scenes come alive. There is lean as in economical, and lean as in thin. I did feel that Moore was ungenerous in his evocation of events on the ground.

Where there is a close-up, it is sometimes unthought-out. Father Paul, watching a mulatto general fleeing Jeannot's regime, notices his Vuitton luggage. This unworldly priest would be unlikely to have ever heard of Vuitton, and even more unlikely to have identified the label from the "old-fashioned black-and-white TV" on which he was watching the airport scene.

Many of the violent happenings on the streets are learnt through radio and television, and that is honest enough. It is how most people do discover what is going on. The distancing from the action is further increased by the priest-narrator's sidelined role and his cautious, discreet personality. There is an episode designed to flesh Father Paul out — and to make it clear that his involvement with Jeannot is not sexual — in which he feels "ineluctable longing" for the sexy mulatto wife of the general. He takes her to safety in a convent after having procured a nun's habit for her to wear as a disguise. Shades of Whoopi Goldberg in *Sister Act*.

What remain in the mind are creeping doubts and important questions. Jeannot's great following, Father Paul concludes, is not a matter of liberation theology but of "a faith built round one man", and that "this must be how people once heard the voice of Jesus", an obscure agitator. Because of the unrest caused by Jeannot, foreign businesses are pulling out of the island, factories will close, the plight of the poor will be even worse. In any violent upheaval, however idealistic, it is the poor that suffer and the poor who get killed. Are people who feel themselves to be "chosen", and embrace self-sacrifice, making life worse for the very people they represent? Can any ideology or any revolution be democratic? All that happens is that one authoritarian regime is exchanged for another. Is gradual amelioration the best way? The novel ends in the near future, when the new Pope is a man "of mixed blood". That suggests authorial hope for some progress — though it is the mulattos, in the island, who most grossly abuse institutional power.

Most crucially, if there is "no other life", how should we live this one? Moore provides no answer. Read the book anyway.

When united Ireland last marched together

Roy Foster

A DEEPER SILENCE
The Hidden Origins of the United Irishmen
By A. T. Q. Stewart
Faber, £25

Why did Ulster erupt into radicalism at the end of the 18th century? Once upon a time, this odd lurch was explained away by seeing Irish history as an apostolic succession of green nationalists. In that traditional teleology, the 1790s featured as a golden moment of rapprochement, when Ulster Presbyterians saw their true destiny and became — briefly — republican nationalists. Then they unaccountably reverted to unimaginative unionism and aboriginal anti-Catholicism after the débâcle of the 1798 Rising.

However, this interpretation no longer holds the field; and much of the credit is due to A. T. Q. Stewart, who 15 years ago published *The Narrow Ground*, a brilliant and rather bleak view of aspects of Ulster history. In establishing continuities and paradoxes of Ulster mentality, this study placed that brief efflorescence in a different context, and put the idea of Catholic-Protestant rapprochement in a more convincing light. It also asserted the influence of the Ulster-born Glasgow dominie Francis Hutcheson: whose liberal political theory, and belief in citizen militias, were exported by the mid-18th century not only to America, but also back to his native land. And it re-established the importance of William Drennan, son of one of Hutcheson's colleagues and chief inspirer of the radical United Irishman movement who took to arms in 1798.

All this is now generally accepted by historians of the period; so the notion that the movement sprang like Pallas Athene on October 14, 1791 from the head of Wolfe Tone, a nationalist revolutionary from Dublin, is long exploded. Strangely, in his engrossing new book Stewart sets it up again as a straw man, having himself knocked it down long ago, and been resoundingly confirmed by Tone's biographer Marianne Elliott and other scholars of the period.

A Deeper Silence goes on (or back) to trace the development of volunteering movements in Ulster from the time of the Seven Years' War, and stitches back and forth across the complex intellectual history of the Irish 18th century establishing a pedigree both more complicated and more far-reaching than simply the convention movement of the 1780s, or the effect of the American war. Clubs, associations, early 18th-century Presbyterian intellectual traditions, the religious and scholarly disputes of Belfast: all are touched upon, along with connections to the Dublin intelligentsia.

Slowly a patchy picture emerges which indicates family connections, fashionable ideas, and personal antipathies among an imaginative élite. The results may have little to do with Irish nationalism as conceived by latter-day romantics, but illuminate Ulster's potent sense of citizenship, intellectual independence and Protestant political theory. And this was represented in the volunteering and reform movements of the 1770s and 1780s, along with a robust resentment of local landed Anglicanism and English assumptions of superiority. The residue was transmuted in the revolutionary crucible of the 1790s.

Where ecumenics came into it is a very moot question. There was a flush of joint Catholic-Protestant volunteering initiatives in the 1780s, and a tradition among Ulster dissenters of opposing the penal laws against non-Anglicans. But it seems that much of the radical impetus in the north came from an expectation that the 1790s would see all shibboleths reduced to rubble: and that went for popery too. Rather like the French revolutionaries who landed in Connacht in 1798 and found they were fighting under the banner of the Blessed Virgin, they were doomed to disappointment. Then as now, intellectuals never get the revolution they think they deserve.

In his new book, Stewart establishes an additional element: the key 18th-century theme of Freemasonry, in its non-sectarian, middle-class, clubbable sense. How many of the principal Ulster activists were linked by lodge membership must always be ultimately speculative, but some of the connections are suggestive: so are the cross-references to contemporary France.

It is an area where conspiracy-theories abound, and great weight is necessarily put on slender inferences (such as the prevalence of the identification "Blue" in naming volunteer corps: a masonic reference, or simply a sobriquet of Old Whig loyalty?). Nor is it clear that masonic membership inevitably meant a politicised identification. But certainly the idioms of Freemasonry were consciously present in the background of the United Irishmen, who called themselves a "brotherhood": and this may, as Stewart suggests, have supplied a terrain where Protestant and Catholic could meet on equal ground.

This brief book is full of paradoxes, quizzical inferences and small human ironies (including the direct descent of the current Duchess of York from a prominent non-subscribing elder of the Second Congregation in Belfast: *O tempora! O mores!*). At the same time it is allusive, elliptical and sometimes obscure. Stewart's intimacy with his subject enables him to tack back and forth in time, picking up family associations here and dropping names there; large intellectual themes alternate with biographical *petit-point*. This is pleasingly reminiscent of the nature of Ulster life itself, but it can compound confusion for the uninitiated. Enough intriguing connections are raised, however, to indicate that the energetic world of 18th-century Irish Presbyterianism deserves to be analysed as a national culture in its own right: not as a "sport" of the Irish nationalist tradition which failed to bear the right fruit.



A Review of Troops in Phoenix Park, Dublin by Francis Wheatley (1747-1801). The uniforms of the Irish Volunteers adorn this picture of 1781, reproduced in *Irish Art and Architecture* by Peter Harbison, Homan Potterton and Jeanne Sheehy, now reissued (Thames & Hudson, £14.95 pbk)

Vindication of a victor at all costs

Andrew Roberts

CHURCHILL
Edited by Robert Blake and William Louis
OUP, £19.95
CHURCHILL ON THE HOME FRONT
By Paul Addison
Jonathan Cape, £20

One of the marks of a great musical — *Cabaret*, say, or *My Fair Lady* — is not only the memorable hummable tunes but also a complete absence of duff ones. This collection of 29 essays on aspects of Winston Churchill is a veritable *West Side Story* — with several hits but not a single rushed job amongst them.

Although the timing of publication might make it look like the Establishment's rebuff to John Charmley's new biography (reviewed here by John Grigg on January 7), this book is the result of a conference which took place in Texas two years ago, including almost every eminent Churchill scholar (except Martin Gilbert and Correlli Barnett). None of these historians has succumbed to the temptation of merely reproducing their conference speeches, as is clear from the references to works published after March 1991. There is space here to mention only some of the outstanding papers.

The result is the most important contribution to Churchilliana since Martin Gilbert's official life — it deserves to be placed as a coda beside his final volume on the bookshelves of every serious Churchill enthusiast. As the authors point out in their introduction, our view of Churchill is not radically altered "but the features become more finely chiselled".

The veteran American historian of Germany, Gordon Craig, reveals how little Churchill knew about Germany as a place, and what a good thing that turned out to be. In a sister essay on Churchill and France, Douglas Johnson explains how Churchill's favourable attitude to France did not prevent him from denouncing De Gaulle in June 1944 as "the mortal foe of England". David Reynolds on the *annus mirabilis* of 1940 shows there was hardheaded realism behind the bluster. Yet he describes the prime minister's attitude to the collapse of France as naive and the negotiated peace as "nuanced".

It is a shame that Peter Clarke's excellent essay on Churchill's (semi-numerate) economic ideas ends in 1930. One would like to know whether the unanimity of the Treasury and Bank of England in bouncing Churchill into the gold standard in 1925 was a factor in his rejection of their advice over the convertibility of sterling 27 years later. Asked by Baldwin in 1924 whether he would like to be Chancellor of the Exchequer, Churchill said later he wanted to reply: "Will the bloody duck swim?"

John Grigg on Churchill and Lloyd George is one of the book's *tours de force*. Churchill even talked politics to LG while waiting to sign the register in the vestry at his wedding. This friendship and rivalry, with LG constantly alternating between mentor and tormentor, is worth a book in itself. In an otherwise impeccable essay on Churchill's attitude towards the Labour movement, Henry Pelling perpetuates the myth that Attlee and Greenwood formed a bloc which outvoted Chamberlain and Lord Halifax in the war cabinet debates over peace in May 1940.

Michael Howard points out the importance that Churchill's six months as a battalion commander in the first world war had on his military assumptions during the second, while Norman Rose defends Churchill's reputation as a "Gentile Zionist". The overall impression of the latter essay is that Churchill had a romantic attachment to Jews and would always do what he could for them, whenever their interests did not conflict with those of the British empire. One is still left wondering, however, why he failed to overrule those in the War Office who opposed the bombing of the Auschwitz gas chambers.

A sound piece by the Cambridge historian Ronald Hyam, on Churchill's view of the British empire, argues convincingly that on most important matters he was a conciliator. It is replete with such glorious Churchillisms as: "Punishing China is like flogging a jellyfish."

Philip Ziegler on Churchill's difficult relationship with the royal family is another of this book's "hits". Edward VII, in what passes for Hanoverian high humour, thought "his initials — WC — are well named". In return Churchill thought Edward's eldest son, the sailor King George V, spoke "cheap and silly drivel" about the navy. It was not until 1940 that the House of Windsor came round to Churchill, and even then probably more slowly than the popular myth would have it. Ziegler is surely right to suggest that under different circumstances this most romantic of monarchists would have made "a splendidly robust Republican".

Donald Cameron Watt's thorough investigation into the Churchillian critique of appeasement characteristically uses the most diverse international sources and amusing quips. It is an eloquent argument against the LSE's policy of retiring their professors at 65.

A posthumous article by the former bursar of All Souls, Charles Wenden, on Churchill's use of radio and cinema shows how his great broadcasts of 1940-41 were subtly designed for American audiences almost as much as British. This essay is a fine tribute to the memory of a generous, hospitable and painstaking scholar.

Robert Blake's investigation into the circumstances in which Churchill became prime minister is full of the sort of aperçus one might expect from the Queen's constitutional adviser. In a perceptive piece he pinpoints Eden's acceptance of the lowly Dominions Office in September 1939 and Churchill's anti-Munich speech of October 5, 1938 as crucial factors in determining Chamberlain's succession. He makes the valid point that outgoing prime ministers are often the worst people for the monarch to consult about their successors.

Lord Beloff's superb deconstruction of the Europhile claims to the great man as their prophet, makes "Churchill and Europe" another of the most hummable tunes of the musical. In a full analysis of Churchill and the Far East, Robert O'Neill blames Churchill's cuts in naval expenditure for the fall of Singapore. One is left wondering whether some future military humiliation may one day land at Tom King's door.

Warren Kimball has written a witty revisionist view of the Churchill-Roosevelt relationship, and John Keegan's highly readable analysis of Churchill and grand strategy reminds us why the British tradition of historian-journalist is so strong at the moment. With R. V. Jones on Churchill's use of science, Lord Carver on his relationship with the chiefs of staff, Roy Jenkins on the post-war ministry and Robert Rhodes James on Churchill the orator and parliamentarian, this book must rank as a required addendum to the Churchill genre.

Paul Addison's essay on "Churchill and Social Reform" turns out to be a taster for his full-length book, *Churchill on the Home Front*. This is an objective and scholarly account of his transformation from Edwardian radical to welfare state paternalist.

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Aiming at America too: Churchill broadcasting in June 1942

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Essex invades Prague

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NO EXIT
By Julie Burchill
Sinclair-Stevenson, £14.99

It is a comforting thought that Julie Burchill is as confused as the rest of us. Three years into the Nineties her second novel is, rather shamefacedly, the same tale of financial and sexual savagery that made her first, *Ambition*, an epitome of the Eighties. Although Burchill would agree that neither book is a contender for the Booker, *Ambition* was at least a vehicle for some of the ideas that have given her such notoriety. In it Burchill consigned the New Man firmly to the footnotes of sociology and launched the sexes into a battle of caprice in a man's world. *No Exit* offers little to relieve the impasse in sexual politics.

Gary First is a BBC correspondent based in Prague who falls in love with a Czech temptress called Maria. They spend three weeks locked in combat with international terrorism, white slavery and each other. The sex makes Jackie Collins look like Enid Blyton, although the politics makes Burchill look like Enid Blyton too. Halfway through the book the slightly wearing war of attrition between Gary and Maria is abandoned as the plot reaches a feverish and unlikely climax. If Maria is enslaved by her fantasy of a rich life in the West, then she is at least relieved of the threat of real bondage in Mexico. Gary is transformed into a knight in shining armour and, despite the pessimism of the title, the two manage to make their escape on a train bound for London. Gary's perseverance is rewarded: Maria gets to throw away her white plastic stilettos.

Fortunately the rate at which designer labels prefix articles of clothing slows down as the book continues. Even so, the best use for Gary's Georgina Von Etzdorf tie might be for Maria to strangle him with it. Since Maria is an impoverished central European her wardrobe does not extend to Azzedine Alaia tights (always being peeled off in *Ambition*) although her vocabulary certainly smacks more of Basildon than Bohemia. The publicity for *No Exit* notes that "no one ever went broke over-estimating the value of the human interest story, especially one with lashings of sex, drugs and slavery". If rumours of a £125,000 advance from Sinclair-Stevenson are to be believed, then Burchill's bank balance will certainly benefit, if nothing else.

The sexual battleground drawn up in Burchill's column in the *Mail on Sunday* (revered in *No Exit* as "the most strikingly successful newspaper in England and therefore the world") is male territory and women succeed by fighting on male terms. But if Madonna and Margaret Thatcher (both admired by Burchill) owed their liberation to this observance, then Maria, owing her freedom to Gary, does not. There is little here to relieve the post-feminist generation of the crisis in its politics. If there was any development in women's thinking in the Eighties, it was that everybody from Germaine Greer to Camille Paglia at last conceded that men and women were equal but different, and the battles between them correspondingly diverse. *No Exit* is tedious in its pornography and tremulous in its politics.

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November 1956 was the most dangerous month in all the dangerous history of Israel, because one superpower was threatening Israel with destruction, while the other threatened abandonment. The threats were caused by Ben Gurion's expressed intention to remain in occupation of Sinai which his troops had captured during the Suez War. Under that pressure, Ben Gurion agreed to withdraw.

It was Eban who stipulated that the withdrawal should be conditional, and who fought a rearguard action over the conditions from November 1956 to March 1957. The principal condition secured was American consent to the principle that if Egypt used its recovery of Sinai to interfere with Israeli shipping in the Gulf of Aqaba and the Straits of Tiran, Israel would be entitled to exercise "its inherent right of self-defence."

A little more than ten years later, on May 22, 1967, Nasser announced the closing of Aqaba to Israeli shipping, thus providing the *casus belli* whose legitimacy, in American eyes, Eban had won in March, 1957. On May 23 — the day after Nasser's announcement — President Johnson publicly renewed the commitment Eban had won from Dulles ten years before. But there was now a danger that the president might be too pro-Israel for Israel's good.

Johnson wanted "the maritime powers" to send ships into Aqaba. Eban had no confidence in this procedure, but he had to allow time for it to fade away. It duly faded, at a press conference by Dean Rusk, on May 23. On the same day Eban informed the chief of staff, Yitzhak Rabin, that he "withdrew his political inhibitions to a military riposte: the waiting period had achieved its purpose — Israel would not be isolated as in 1956." The riposte came five days later, with the start of the Six-Day War.

Tragically, Eban was to become a prisoner of that great victory. In the autumn of 1969, after the death of Levi Eshkol, with whom Eban had a good working relationship, Golda Meir became prime minister, and Eban was out of the loop of power. The loop consisted of Golda herself, Moshe Dayan as defence minister and Yitzhak Rabin as ambassador in Washington. All three were hawkish at this time and full of hubris — as so many Israelis were from 1967 to 1973. None had any time for Eban.

It is a mystery why Eban tolerated this treatment. In doing so, he missed the greatest opportunity of his life. On February 14, 1971, Anwar Sadat notified the United Nations of his willingness to conclude a peace treaty with Israel. Eban drafted an Israeli reply. His draft would have led to the opening of peace negotiations. But the government, at the urging of Dayan, made a fatal addition to the draft: "Israel will not withdraw to the pre-June 1967 lines." Sadat was being notified that no negotiation would bring him what he wanted. Accordingly he changed his course, from peace to war.

Eban acquiesced in that momentous rejection and remained as a powerless member of a government in the grip of the hubris of his colleagues. This is where he missed his historic opportunity. Had he resigned over the rejection of Sadat's peace offer, and warned against the possible consequences of the government's course, he would have been a hero after the Yom Kippur War, and would have become prime minister. As it was, he was just one member of a discredited government.

It is Eban's own fault that his enormous talents were never available at the very top to shape the destinies of his country. But it was also a great misfortune for Israel, and for its neighbours.


HODDER

Most brilliant diplomatist of the age: Abba Eban as foreign minister in 1968, a year after his finest hour, when he ensured American support during the Six-Day War

Parsees' pleasure

Dermot Clinch

THE ICE FACTORY
By Russell Lucas
Heinemann, £14.99

The most common form of social intercourse among the Parsees of Bombay (you might conclude from this novel) is the sexual variety. Conversation and other gentler arts take definite second place. How sad for the Parsees, then, that they seem to enjoy the sex as little as they do.

A sudden inheritance sets the novel rolling. Fram, the eldest Chutrivala, finds himself the proud possessor of an outmoded ice factory, an ancient hotel, and the family's 18th century mansion, Peccavi (the name referring no doubt to a sin of the flesh). But it is another legacy — this time a genetic one — that keeps the novel moving. Fram is blessed with an insatiable libido, and his attempt to satisfy this is what propels him through the story, gathering new, ever more colourful characters along the way.

But love and happiness elude him. Passion vanished years ago from his marriage, and as a husband now he is merely diligent at night, "lugubrious as a dog fretting busily away on the job". His main preoccupation is his *garam masala* fetish. The merest whiff of this blend of spices sends him into an uncontrollable sexual frenzy. His wife, unfortunately for him, does not cook. Her death does nothing to solve the problem: the fetish is merely replaced by another, involving patisserie.

Admiration for the Raj, and for British women in particular, is the Parsee's favourite pastime. It is not always reciprocated. "Are we really going to allow all those awful snottys to slobber over us at the End of the Raj party?" asks one English rose. "Slobbering is de rigueur," her friend replies, revealing perhaps the key to this novel's fascination with sex. Has it all along been a metaphor — standing for other types of commerce between people, and between Indians and English in particular?

That a novel as savage and grimly physical as this one could be so funny is something of an amazement. It is not always easy. The characters float — at times unhappily — between real life and caricature. But this is a novel that can satisfy as well as entertain.

Sound and fury, signifying nothing

Daniel Johnson

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH
The Hunt for the Jackal
By David Yallop
Jonathan Cape, £17.99

This inquest into the Venezuelan terrorist Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, alias "Carlos" — dubbed by newspapers (in deference to Frederick Forsyth's thriller) "the Jackal" — took David Yallop the best part of a decade to research and write. Yallop has an impressive track record as an amateur sleuth whose real-life investigations strike a popular chord; he was until recently a scriptwriter for *EastEnders*. International terrorism may have defeated the intelligence services of the whole western world, but Yallop is confident that he has tracked down Carlos to his Syrian lair, and that he is now able to identify the acts of terror which Carlos carried out on behalf of the Palestinians over the past 20 years.

Not content with that, Yallop describes his own personal road to Damascus: his disillusionment with Israel and his growing commitment to the Palestinian cause in the name of which Carlos was also, in theory, carrying out murders, hijacks and bombings for his Arab and east European masters. Yallop concludes that, unless Israel is forced by the Clinton administration to concede a Palestinian state on the West Bank and in Gaza, "blood will flow as freely as oil in the Middle East". This apocalyptic tone evidently did not pass unnoticed: no senior Israeli appears to have helped Yallop with this book.

To sustain the reader through some 500 pages before his frustratingly brief exchange with his quarry, Yallop ploughs through numerous interviews: with other Arab and European terrorists; Yassir Arafat and Colonel Gaddafi; politicians and officials in Tunisia, Syria, Lebanon, Algeria, Austria and other places; the family and friends of Carlos; and an imposter, whom he calls Carlos Two.

The author is sure that Carlos Two was part of an elaborate disinformation campaign, designed to make use of his own reputation as a bestselling writer, and masterminded by Syrian intelligence in order to discredit Arafat. Yallop also felt himself in personal danger at several points during his search, and he implies that he may still be at risk. One of his Lebanese contacts was mysteriously murdered while driving to meet him. But it is not Yallop who is taking risks by publishing the names of dozens of his informants.

Like many books by supposedly cold-blooded investigative journalists, this one occasionally degenerates into bathos. Yallop's self-righteous outbursts just do not ring true. He walked out of an interview with Abu Abbas when the latter joked about throwing overboard a wheelchair-bound American, Leon Klinghoffer, during the hijacking of the *Achille Lauro*: but what else did he expect from a notorious killer? He refers to Abu Abbas as "a clown"; some people might think that an understatement. And what value does Yallop's protest have, when he simultaneously supports the cause in the name of which Klinghoffer was drowned? If such vile acts have repercussions only for the villains, but do not tarnish their ideals, then there is no end to villainy.


Carlos holds Opec to ransom

Yallop also has delusions of grandeur, a common phenomenon among amateurs, like Terry Waite, who involve themselves in this treacherous field. He assumes that the Lockerbie bombing could and should have been prevented if someone had taken seriously his vague warning to an M16 agent in company with the writer Brian Crozier that the notorious Abu Nidal, whom he had just interviewed, was under pressure to resume terrorism. When Crozier tells him that the CIA considered that he had been influenced by propaganda, Yallop responds furiously. Yet he admits himself that his views were turned round during his research.

This authorial vanity would matter less if the story were better told. Yet the narrative is as confusing as the organisations it describes. The same outrages are recounted by various individuals, each time with a different gloss. Yallop does not always tell us which version he believes; perhaps he does not know.

More seriously: by taking terrorists at their own valuation, devoting hundreds of pages to their tedious self-justifications, he contributes to the legitimation of their murderous trade. Though governments are often craven or hypocritical in their dealings with these criminals and their protector-states, this does not mean that leaders, such as Bruno Kreisky, who compromised with terrorists should be panted on the back. Yallop reserves all his contempt for the few politicians, such as Ronald Reagan or Margaret Thatcher, whose refusal to grovel has made the terrorist states rein in the monsters they created.

Israel can do no right in Yallop's eyes. He describes his visit there in a chapter entitled: "Among God's chosen, and lesser mortals". There is little attempt to balance his accounts of atrocities, such as the massacres of Palestinians at Sabra and Chatila in 1982, for which Israelis bear at least some responsibility, with counter-examples. Israel's liberal political culture, which has held the worst excesses of a siege-mentality in check, is nowhere acknowledged. And the impression is given that Carlos and his kind do nothing worse than the Israeli government.

Tout comprendre rend très indulgent, as Mme de Staël wrote. By the end of this book one certainly knows all one could ever want to know about this Venezuelan thug, so it is easy to see how Yallop might have developed a sneaking admiration for his subject. But he is not such a fool: he knows Carlos is a "vicious amoral killer". He is critical of the latitude given to such killers by many Arab states, but does not admit that this is a primary reason for the deadlock in the region. Terrorism has achieved nothing for the Palestinians: it has cost them such sympathy among Israelis as they may ever have had. To obscure this central truth, as Yallop does, is to show indulgence to terror, if not to the terrorist; to the cause, if not to Carlos.

A little help from her friends

Natasha Fairweather

THE PASSIONATE ATTACHMENT
America's Involvement with Israel
1947 to the Present
By George W. Ball and Douglas B. Ball
Norton, £16.95

ISRAEL
A Concise Political History
By Yossi Beilin
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £18.99

Though he later denied it, last March James Baker, then Secretary of State, was widely reported to have cursed "the Jews" at a meeting in the White House, adding: "They don't vote for us." In its final months the Bush administration risked angering the powerful American-Jewish lobby by using financial leverage against Israel to force the intransigent Shamir government to sit down with Palestinians at the peace table. Now that a Democrat administration, which owes much to the Jewish vote, has assumed power in Washington and Israel has a more pragmatic left-wing government, the relationship between the two countries is at a crossroads.

Under successive Democrat administrations, George Ball was under-secretary of state and ambassador to the United Nations. He has now used his experience to scrutinise, with the help of his academic son Douglas, the history of the relationship between Israel and America. Beginning with the premise that governments owe it to their citizens to refrain, in the words of George Washington, from indulging in "passionate attachments" to other countries, the Balls go on to argue, in this well-researched and thought-provoking book, that American policy towards the Jewish state is enmeshed in emotion and distorted by the American-Jewish lobby.

This passionate attachment is one of the outdated legacies of the Cold War. But any illusions that Israel might still be of value as a strategic asset in the post-Soviet world were conclusively shattered during the recent Gulf War. America found itself having to buy Israel's non-participation in order to keep its fragile Arab coalition intact.

From the investment of vast sums of financial aid, to jeopardised arms deals with the Saudis, the Balls argue that America has placed its own interests secondary to those of Israel. Nor has this necessarily benefited Israel. Since the US aid explosion in 1974, Israel's economy has failed to blossom. GNP has risen very slowly as with American aid sustaining an artificial level of prosperity, Israeli governments have had no incentive to reform the inefficient socialist structure of the economy.

There will be no peace in the Middle East, the Balls maintain, until America stops sheltering Israel from the will of the international community and a land-for-peace deal is concluded. Their book analyses the achievements and failures of Israel with a critical eye which will prompt accusations of anti-Semitism. But a genuine commitment to the security of Israel lies at the basis of the Balls' exposure of these unpalatable truths.

After 15 years of political activism in opposition, Yossi Beilin is now deputy foreign minister in the newly established Labour government in Israel. Associated with the left-wing of the party, Beilin makes it clear (in a preface written since the election) that the Labour victory fills him with hope that Israel will at last take the brave step of exchanging territories for peace.

However, Beilin has not chosen to elaborate on his personal vision for his country in this book. Instead he has written a political history of this "democracy under siege", from a largely critical, leftist stance.

Beilin breaks new and fascinating ground in his analysis of the symbols and myths which Israel has created for itself in its short history. Yet it is difficult to see whom this book is intended for: it assumes too much knowledge for those who know nothing about the subject, but covers too much basic historical terrain for the more informed reader. Beilin concludes with the comment that while there are no surprises in the climate of the Middle East, the same cannot be said of its politics. Indeed, the election of two new governments has already rendered both these books out of date.

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A president on the road to reform

South Koreans have been celebrating political freedom but their main concern now is the future of their boom economy. Peter Strafford reports


KIM CHON KIL

Election trail: Kim Young-sam, the South Korean president, promised in his campaign last autumn to cure the "Korean disease" and build a new nation

With the inauguration today of President Kim Young-sam, South Korea passes another milestone on the road to a democratic political system. Mr Kim is the first elected civilian president to hold office in Seoul since 1961, when General Park Chung-hee took power in a coup. He is, besides, a politician who made his name as a democratic opponent of the military regimes that followed.

It has been a long and at times painful process. South Korea has had authoritarian rule since the days of Syngman Rhee, president from 1948 to 1961. It was a byword for repression under Park and, after his assassination in 1979, Chun Doo-hwan, another general. Mr Kim was jailed under Park, and placed under house arrest for more than two years by Mr Chun. Many others fared even worse.

> Mr Kim will have to introduce more change

During this time, however, the country was beginning to build up its economy and, as South Koreans became richer, they became less prepared to tolerate repression by the military. The turning point came in 1987, when weeks of rioting forced Mr Chun to step down and concede a free election for a new president.

The winner was Roh Tae-woo, also a general, but one with liberal tendencies, and since he took office five years ago South Korea, in spite of a residual authoritarianism and some periods of rioting, has enjoyed most of the democratic freedoms. It has also established its international respectability, opening diplomatic relations with many countries that had long refused to do so and becoming a member of the United Nations.

Last autumn's presidential election campaign, which led to the election on December 18, was a free and outspoken one, which pitted three main candidates, all civilians, and several minor ones against each other. Mr Kim, the official candidate, received 42 per cent of the vote, while second place was taken by his long-time rival, Kim Dae-jung, another opponent of the military regimes, who received 34 per cent. Chung Ju-yung, the veteran founder of the large Hyundai group, came third with 16 per cent.

Mr Kim takes over a country that has been transformed. It was significant that the main issue in the campaign was the economy, rather than the move to democracy, which is now taken for granted. Standards of living have risen and Seoul is a bustling, modern city. South Koreans, who used to work for a pittance, have had sharp wage increases since the advent of democracy.

This has its drawbacks. South Korea can no longer compete internationally on the basis of low wages alone, and has been having difficulties with its balance of payments, as well as a slower rate of growth. This has led to a marked loss of confidence over the last few years, and when it was announced last autumn, in the middle of the election campaign, that growth had dropped to a rate of little more than 3 per cent a year, it was treated as a national disaster.

All the main candidates campaigned with undertakings to restore the South Korean economy. Kim Young-sam said that he would cure the "Korean disease", and would build a "new Korea". Kim Dae-jung said a transfer of power was needed to "get the economy moving". Mr Chung, playing a role similar to that of Ross Perot in the American presidential election, claimed that he, as a successful businessman, was better equipped than any politician to put things right.

The main challenge facing President Kim, therefore, will be to give the South Korean economy a new stimulus. But the economy also needs the sort of far-reaching transformation undergone some years ago by Japan, by which it would change from the making of cheap goods to that of more expensive, but technologically advanced products.

This is the objective of Expo '93, the world fair that will open on August 7 in Taejon, a provincial centre south of Seoul. Expo '93 is intended to proclaim the success of South Korea to the world, but also to promote the country's grasp of high technology.

Whatever the doubts of Koreans, the South Korean economy looks robust enough to outsiders. This is true of, among others, the Russians and the Chinese, and must have been the main factor in the decision both have taken to establish full diplomatic relations with Seoul. It has meant in effect abandoning their long-time ally, North Korea, in favour of a country vilified in the past as little more than an American stooge.

For South Korea, it has meant the opening up of new opportunities in an area of great potential, northeast Asia.

Mr Kim's task will not be simple. He will have to introduce enough in the way of change, both economic and political, to justify his claim to be a reformer, without jeopardising the sense of continuity. In the election campaign he presented himself as offering both change and stability, reflecting the basic conservatism of most South Korean voters.

He is well placed to do this because though he was the candidate of the ruling Democratic Liberal Party (DLP), he had been a member of the opposition to Mr Roh until January 1990. He then merged his own party with the ruling party to form the DLP, modelled on Japan's Liberal Democratic Party.

He has said that apart from the economy, his other main target will be corruption, which is widespread both in politics and business. His hope is that if he is seen to be acting in that area, that will make it easier to persuade the middle class to accept economic sacrifices.

He will have to handle the various factions of the DLP with care. Not all of them were happy to see a former opposition leader heading the party, and that led to the loss of some of his support to Mr Chung. In the end Mr Chung polled less than some had expected, and now faces charges, said by his supporters to be politically inspired, of illegal use of Hyundai funds for his campaign. He has announced his retirement from politics, but the United People's Party, which he founded, is still a factor.

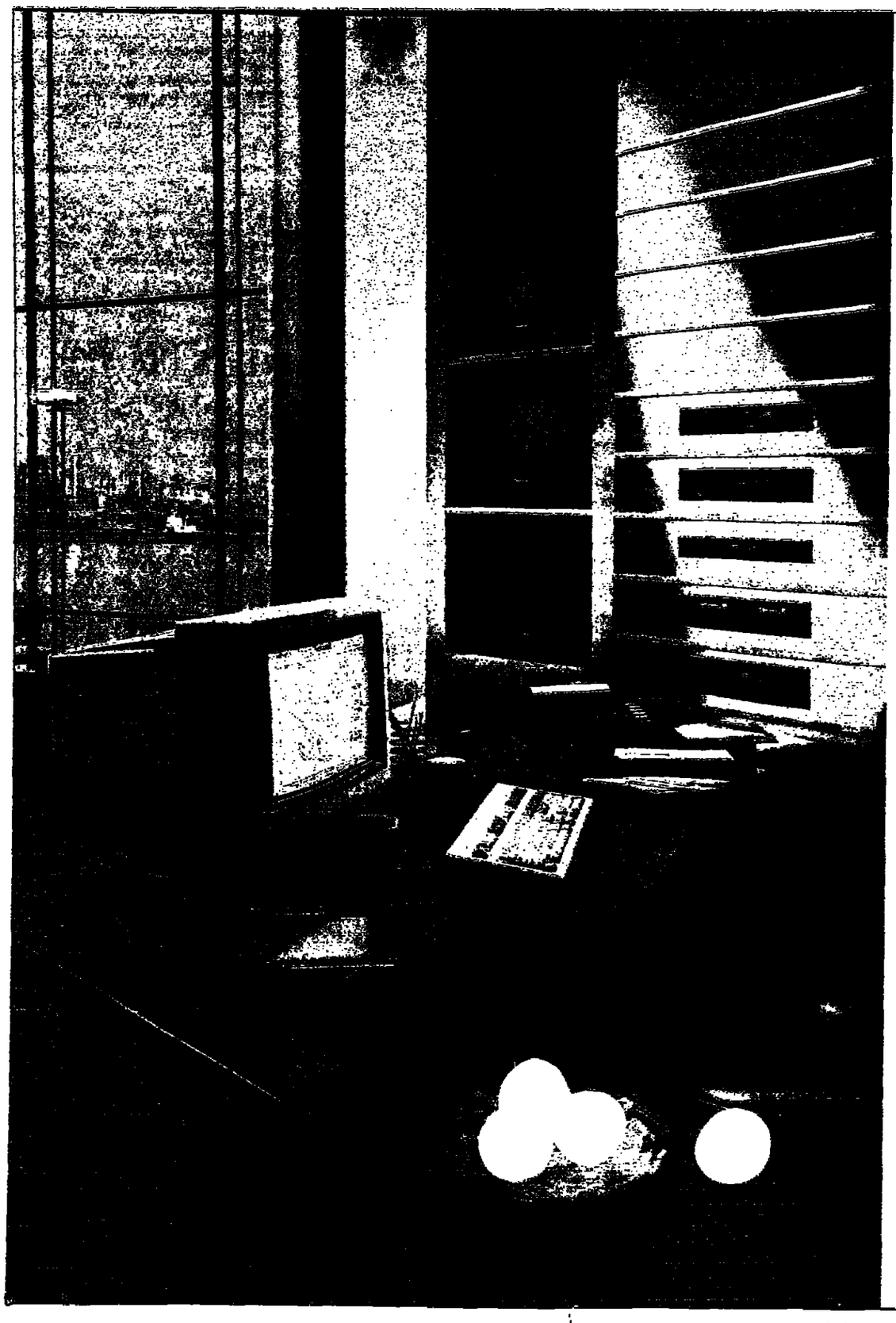
The area in which Mr Kim will be able to build on the successes of Mr Roh is foreign policy, and in particular relations with North Korea. Like Germany, Korea was in effect divided in 1945 and, with the collapse of communism in most of the rest of the world and the reunification of Germany, reunification of Korea too is widely felt to be only a matter of time.

Progress has so far been minimal. Mr Roh succeeded in isolating North Korea diplomatically by persuading the countries of central and eastern Europe, Moscow and Peking, all of which had backed North Korea since the Korean War of 1950-53, to recognise Seoul. In response, the North Koreans agreed to a few steps towards easing relations, and the high point was a non-aggression pact between the two Koreas, signed in December 1991.

But North Korea remains in the grip of Kim Il-sung, the veteran communist leader, and his Stalinist regime: and further progress is held up by the issue of Pyongyang's possible possession of nuclear weapons. The North Koreans have agreed to some inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency, but have refused the IAEA access to certain sites. The South Koreans are insisting that they themselves should have the right to carry out "challenge" inspections anywhere in North Korea — as would the North Koreans in the south.

Seoul's overall objective is a gradual process of increasing contacts between South and North Korea. It has proposed the formation of a "commonwealth" as a first step towards reunification.

That has so far proved impossible, and there is an uncomfortable awareness that things could change without warning — for instance, when Kim Il-sung, who is now 80, dies. If reunification came about too suddenly, that could be Mr Kim's biggest crisis.



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Happier times: Yon Hyong-muk, left, and Chong Won-shik, prime ministers of North and South Korea, agreeing a reconciliation pact in 1991

Talks at a standstill

Korean reunification could be expensive but progress is now held up by differences over nuclear inspections, says **Peter Strafford**

What is going on in North Korea, the world's last surviving Stalinist state? The question is a vital one for South Korea, and not just because of the sense of identity of South and North Koreans. It is thought certain that the two Koreas, like the two Germanies, will sooner or later be reunited, but the way it happens could be crucial.

South Koreans have watched with great apprehension as the former West Germany, a far richer and more stable country than South Korea, has grappled with the consequences of reunification. The fear in Seoul is that in Korea, too, reunification might happen suddenly, and without preparation.

The North Korean economy is known to be in dire straits, and if the regime collapsed, possibly after the death of Kim Il-sung, the North Korean leader, who is now 80, at the very least there might be a million or more North Koreans suddenly wanting to move to the south, and it would be hard to cope with them.

But even if reunification does not happen so dramatically, and there are senior officials in Seoul who are convinced that it will not, the eventual cost will still be formidable. A report published last month by the finance ministry, based on a study of what happened when the two Germanies were reunified, put the cost of absorbing North Korea, if reunification took place in 2000, at $980 billion (£683 billion). This is a dauntingly high figure, given that South Korea's gross national product now is only $280 billion (£195 billion).

For the time being, South Korean officials are anxious to play down the high expectations that have built up recently on the prospects for reunification, and place the emphasis on a deliberate, calculated approach. This will be less dramatic than the developments of the last five years, which have seen remarkable diplomatic successes by South Korea, in particular its recognition by both Moscow and Peking, and the isolation of the North. But it is felt to be realistic.

> The cost of reunion is calculated as £683 billion

Not so long ago relations between South and North Korea seemed to be improving fast. North Korea agreed to meetings between the two prime ministers — though not the two presidents — and a non-aggression pact was signed in December, 1991, and ratified the following February. North Korea agreed to inspection of its nuclear facilities by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and economic cooperation increased.

The atmosphere has changed since then, however. The North Koreans have recently refused the IAEA inspectors access to certain sites, and will not discuss South Korea's demand for the right to make "challenge" inspections anywhere in the north. There will be no more high-level talks, they have said, unless Team Spirit, the annual American-South Korean military exercise, is called off. Team Spirit was cancelled last year because of the greater flexibility in Pyongyang, but is due to be held again this year.

Given the closed nature of the North Korean political system, it is hard to know exactly what is going on. But the interpretation in Seoul of this new posture is that hardliners in Pyongyang felt threatened by the rapid easing of relations, which they saw as threatening the rigid political system in the north, and decided to apply the brakes.

On the other hand, it seems clear that the North Korean leadership is divided. Unlike the situation five or ten years ago, when there was just one, hard-line voice to be heard from Pyongyang, a relatively moderate group is now emerging alongside it. This group consists of economic managers and those involved in foreign affairs, who know how bad the country's economic situation is, how isolated they have become, and what outside pressure is being brought to bear.

The emphasis in Seoul, therefore, will be on gradual progress, with a high priority for such practical steps as enabling divided families to get together again. There are five million refugees from North Korea in South Korea, out of a total population of some 40 million, and they have been almost totally cut off all these years.

Above all, efforts will be made to bring about agreement on the nuclear issue. No one in South Korea, or elsewhere, is sure how much progress Pyongyang has made, but there is no doubt that it has tried to develop a nuclear weapon, and South Korea has made a satisfactory system of inspections the "bottom line" in negotiations on the issue.

The South Koreans believe they have the support in this of all the important countries concerned, the United States, Japan, Russia and China, since none of them wants to see a nuclear-armed North Korea.

The Americans and the Japanese have both been approached by the North Koreans for much-needed economic aid, and both have told Pyongyang that there must first be a satisfactory solution of the nuclear inspection issue.

Bonds with the UK start to strengthen

New commercial links are being forged between Britain and South Korea. **Brian Bridges** reports

Britain has not had a clear image of Korea over the years. Winston Churchill once said that he had never heard of the place until he was 74. In 1987, Margaret Thatcher, not long after a visit to South Korea, bracketed it together with Japan as a country that had large export surpluses, despite the fact that it only achieved a trade surplus for the first time the previous year.

Obscured by its larger and more powerful neighbours, Japan and China, Korea was for too long associated, in Western eyes, with little more than the Korean war and the film and television series, *M*A*S*H*. However, thanks to the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games, the growing number of Korean consumer products and Korean companies in Britain, and even the ill-starred visit to South Korea last November by the Prince and Princess of Wales, greater interest is being shown.

On the Korean side, there is a residual sense of gratitude for British support for the South during the Korean war, but over the past few decades most South Koreans have felt a greater affinity with Germany, which has also suffered from division.

However, the Koreans too have been reassessing international relationships. South Korea is trying to diversify away from its overpowering trade with Japan and the United States. Europe, particularly Britain with its language advantage, has risen in importance. Korean companies now see commercial advantage from trading with and investing in Britain, not only as an effective way of penetrating the single European market, but also as a means of spurring their own globalisation.

Until recently, contacts between the two countries were limited and focused predominantly on commercial interests. But, as the Prince of Wales pointed out during his visit, new links are being forged. The political dialogue is still embryonic, but Britain has taken the lead among European countries in trying to draw out the Koreans into international affairs, while South Korea has benefited from British diplomatic assistance with troublesome neighbours and with international organisations.

British businessmen and trade officials have experienced a sense of *déjà vu*, because, as with Japan a decade or more ago, trading from South Korea to Britain seems much easier than the other way round. South Koreans resent being seen as a "second Japan", but the apparent difficulty of penetrating the Korean market, combined with trade surpluses in its favour, make it difficult for South Korea to shake off that label.


The Prince and Princess of Wales on their official visit to South Korea last year

Many British companies now appreciate, however, that a commitment to understanding the particular characteristics of the South Korean market, which is no mere clone of Japan, can bring dividends. Companies such as Amstrad have utilised cost-effective Korean technology and components.

The price of whisky and access to the financial services sector remain concerns high on the British agenda. The South Koreans want Britain to be sympathetic to them in the internal EC debates on inward investment and anti-dumping rules.

In the past, when South Korea was developing its industrial base, British companies provided expertise and technology for ship-building, car and steel production. Then the Korean companies became fierce commercial competitors. Samsung, the largest Korean conglomerate, now has worldwide sales that exceed those of ICI and Sony put together.

But the increasing complexity of global markets is pushing British and South Korean companies back together again. Shared interest in the pursuit of new technologies and sales through collaborative ventures has emerged. British and South Korean companies are also co-operating more frequently in third markets, particularly where large construction projects are concerned.

At the same time the substantial economic strength of South Korea, which has brought it to the edge of the world's top ten of trading nations, and its slowly emerging interest in broader technological, environmental and politico-strategic issues around the world, have reinforced the need to move the bilateral relationship beyond contention over market access and exporting policies.

One recent response has been the initiative to establish a new non-governmental group, the UK-Korea Forum for the Future. The intention is to bring together senior industrialists and financiers, politicians, academics and media representatives from both countries to explore ways of achieving more positive relationships.

The British side is headed by Sir John Morgan, a former ambassador to South Korea, and the Korean side by Dr Han Seung-soo, a former minister of trade and industry and an "old boy" of the University of York. The initial joint conference will be held in Seoul in April, when the two sides will discuss trade and investment, EC integration, the reunification of the Korean peninsula, and increasing co-operation in education, training and technology.

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South Korea is expected to resume its rapid growth in 1994 and is already making its presence felt across the border in China, **Tony Michell** writes

Economists plot path out of recession

Kim Young-sam comes to office at the end of the worst year in Korean economic development since 1980. The final tally for 1992 is still not concluded, but no one expects economic growth to have been more than 4.5 per cent. The official target for 1993 is still 7 per cent, but the economy will probably be doing well if it achieves 5.6 per cent.

There is good news, too. Inflation fell to about 5 per cent from nearly 10 per cent in 1991, and the current account deficit fell from $7.8 billion to about $4.9 billion. Real estate prices are stable while the stockmarket has risen somewhat from its 1991 low and is expected to go higher. The won fell modestly in 1992 against the dollar, which helped burn off some of the wage inflation which made Korean exports uncompetitive in the late 1980s.

Another important change has been in interest rates. After decades of very high interest rates, the cost of borrowing is about 12 per cent and still falling. This is at least four percentage points lower than at the beginning of 1992, and Mr Kim's campaign programme included the goal of bringing the interest rate down to single figures.

In addition, financial liberalisation, long talked about, is likely to become a reality and one reform is certain: the institution of the "real name" system. At present anyone can open an account without using his or her real name. While this account is taxed, the identity of the holder is not revealed. Governments have long hesitated to make this move because of fear of capital flight from institutional markets. But South Korea has now grown up enough for everyone to accept that it is time to flush this pocket of the black economy into the open.

None of these reforms will necessarily help economic growth, however. Cho Sun, governor of the Bank of Korea, and other conservatives argue that there should be no reflation of the economy and say that having pierced the bubble economy they have allowed a stable economy to emerge. Others argue that when a patient is described as stable, that means that he is no longer in danger but is a long way from recovery. They therefore argue for reflation.

There are many ways in which government money could usefully be spent. South Korea is in grave need of spending on infrastructure. The building of new underground railways needs to be speeded up, and the long-delayed decision on the high-speed train from Seoul to Pusan put into effect. It is surprising that there is widespread opposition in many parts of Korean society to this obvious necessity.

How far off is Korea's economic recovery? Not far, according to most forecasters. As George Baeder of PacRim puts it: "If South Korea has only a $4 billion trade deficit when the world is in recession, think what a surplus it will run when the West recovers." With the US apparently recovering and the China boom unabated, Korea will come close to the black in 1993.

The recessionary cycle may be more complex than this, however. The depression started with a government clampdown on building, tighter monetary control and business holding back on investment because of the election year. Investment might start almost immediately, but now the secondary stage of the cycle is coming into play as consumer spending slackens.

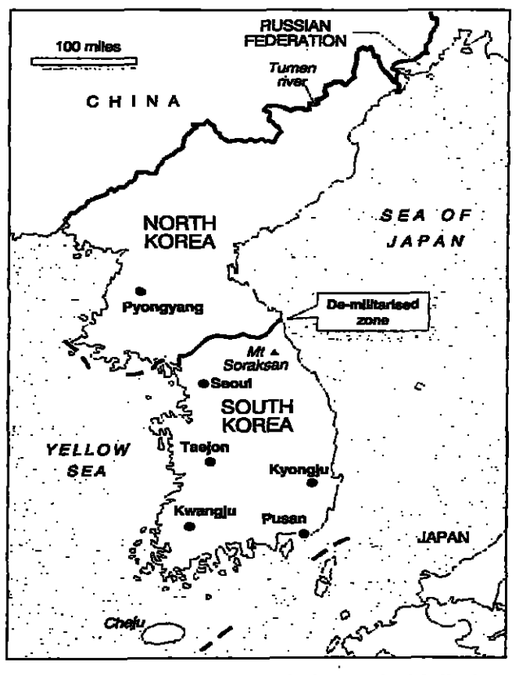
Consumers have plenty of money, but in 1992 they began to demand more quality and a little less quantity compared with other years. In 1993 they may be nervous about spending more because of the economy. Although unemployment is its usual 2.5 per cent, companies are going to start shedding employees.

Korean companies are beginning to take the challenge of flat management seriously and are pruning out inefficient white-collar workers. This is ten to 15 years ahead of Japanese companies in terms of comparable development. Together with a new generation of technology, and a new attitude towards globalisation, South Korea's principal conglomerates are about to add a new dimension to their competitiveness.

Westerners often fail to realise how large these companies have become. "Three years ago Samsung was the same size as ICI," Alan Twist, head of ICI in Korea, noted last year. Now it is double the size. With a projected turnover of $60 billion, Hyundai and Samsung will probably be ranked eighth and ninth in the Fortune 500 in 1992.

Meanwhile there are several pointers to a fairly firm recovery in the second half of 1993: recovery in the US, the improved competitiveness of leading firms, the opening of China and the prospect of a mid-term boost in market size as a result of integration with North Korea. South Korea will be back on its usual 7 to 8 per cent growth in 1994.

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Widening influence

South Korea is extending its economic influence beyond its borders into the fast-developing area of northeast Asia, and this has led to the concept of a "Greater Korea".

There has been much talk of northeast Asia in recent years. The "Sea of Japan" concept is designed to promote integration between the Russian Far East, the west coast of Japan, South Korea and North Korea. The Tumen river project, centring on the border zone between North Korea, China and Siberia, will create a free-trade area linking the Korean autonomous region in China, which contains many ethnic Koreans, parts of Jilin, the northeast tip of North Korea, and the southernmost part of the Russian Far East.

The Tumen river project is supported by five governments, South Korea, North Korea, Russia, China and Mongolia, and by the Keidanren, the Japanese employers' organisation, and is being co-ordinated by the United Nations Development Programme. Its goal is to have a city the size of Rotterdam at the mouth of the Tumen.

All these ideas, in their various forms, are about the new northeast Asia, an area comprising 600 million Chinese, Koreans, Russians and Japanese, and the way that they form an economic synergy. For most Western businesses the area is a blank. But it is changing fast, and its disturbing feature, for the old-world economy, is the independence that it would have from the rest of the world.

It is a market which would ultimately be the size of the European Community and the United States. This would be true immediately in terms of population, and in the second quarter of the 21st century in economic terms. The area would draw on the resources of Siberia, northeast China and Mongolia, and would be a market where Asian firms, Korean, Chinese and probably Japanese, predominated.


China links: President and Mrs Roh visiting the Great Wall last September

There is no doubt that Koreans will play an important part in it. Since China's diplomatic recognition of South Korea last August, the Chinese-Korean love affair has gone ahead in leaps and bounds. This year South Korean trade with China will grow by 50 per cent to 100 per cent, taking the total to between $6 billion and $8 billion.

The fact is that while Europe has been in recession, northeast Asia has been roaring away. For most Western businesses, China means a strip of coastal territory from Canton to Shanghai. But for the South Koreans, China begins at Shanghai. North of there, South Korean and Japanese businessmen predominate, and the Koreans are on the inside track.

In 1992, South Koreans invested about one-third as much as the Japanese in China. In terms of national resources this is a much higher percentage, since the South Korean economy is about one-sixth the size of the Japanese. Anyone looking for counter-traders to handle exports to Siberia should approach South Korean trading companies first.

Then there is trade between North and South Korea. The volume shows that, for all the differences over the nuclear weapons issue, South Korean firms are lining themselves up for reunification. For them the nuclear issue is "political", and most expect the word "go" sometime this year.

There have been numerous studies of the impact of reintegration. All expect a dramatically more robust and powerful Korea as a result. By 2010 it will have a population the size of the unified Germany and could have a per capita gross national product as big as the UK's.

But Korean integration is only one chapter in the northeast Asian story. The principal development will be the economic forces which are unleashed across the northeast China market, next door to Korea. The general assumption is that Japan will dominate this new market. But the Japanese fear that the Chinese will set up economic barriers against them as they find in South Korea. Besides, only a tiny proportion of Japanese investment has gone into northeast Asia, and this year, at least, as Japan struggles with its own domestic economy, such investment will not be a high priority.

For South Koreans, however, it will be the top priority, and as foreign funds flow into South Korea to invest in the stock exchange opened last year, the ministry of finance is determined to see them flow out again into Korean foreign investment.

The green road to the future

Peter Strafford visits Taejon, South Korea's silicon valley and the site of Expo '93

If 1992 was the year of Spain, with the Expo '92 world fair in Seville and the Olympic Games in Barcelona, the South Koreans hope that 1993 will be at least partly theirs. Another world fair, Expo '93, will be held in Taejon, south of Seoul, from August 7 to November 7, and the intention is that it should bring people from around the world to South Korea, to think about the future of industry and the environment.

It will also help South Korea itself, by giving a fillip to its own industrial development. It aims to draw attention to the country's achievements in recent years and to provide an impetus for further advances in high-technology manufacturing.

Expo '93 is being held on an attractive river site, surrounded by hills, on the outskirts of Taejon. It has been built from the ground up, with its main feature the Tower of Great Light, a sharply pointed, rocket-like structure 305ft high. Around it will be an array of new architecture, mainly put up by South Korean companies, as well as a large international pavilion in which 111 foreign countries will exhibit. Alongside will be an entertainment area, with sports facilities and amusements for children.

Dr Oh Myung, the chairman of the organising committee, says that he expects ten million visitors, of whom 500,000 will come from abroad. A mascot has been created, a baby elf called Kumdori, and an emblem based on the Korean flag that symbolises human coexistence.

Expo '93 will not be a universal exposition like Expo '92. There was opposition within the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE) to holding one so soon after Seville. But the South Koreans were determined to hold the fair and it was agreed that Expo '93 should be a specialised event focusing on the theme of industrialisation.

Within this broad theme, there will be two main topics: the ways in which developing countries industrialise and methods of protecting the environment. The main theme has been given as The Challenge of a New Road to Development. There will be two sub-themes: traditional and modern science and technology for the developing world, and towards an improved use and recycling of resources.

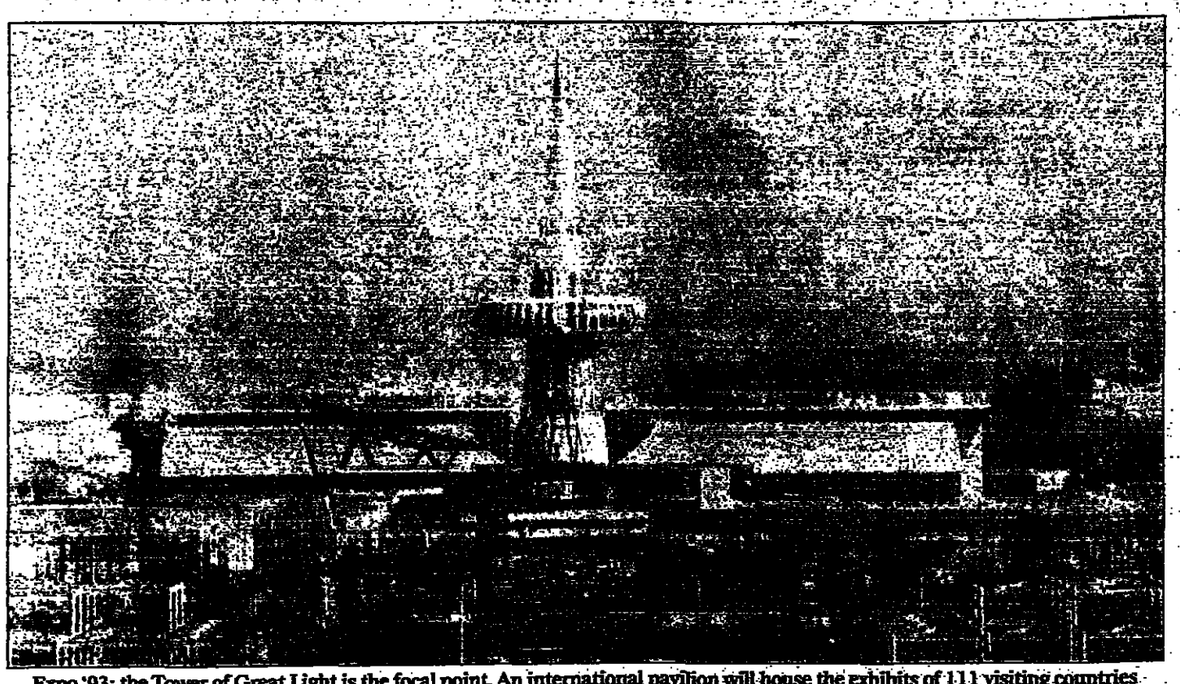
Each pavilion will have its own emphasis. One will focus on recycling, for instance, with a conical structure constructed of empty bottles, another on telecommunications. There will be pavilions devoted to nature, the universe, the car, electric power, computers, the imagination and much else. Each participating foreign country, including Britain and other members of the European Community, will also put on its own display in the international area.

There will be cultural events, ranging from a performance of Korean folk drama to a film festival, a contemporary music festival and a Miss World University Contest.

The South Koreans have several reasons for putting on Expo '93. The Olympic Games of 1988, held in Seoul, are considered to have been successful in promoting the image of the country and they wanted to follow them up. The South Koreans are understandably proud of the country's economic progress and this will be the first time that a world fair of this sort is put on by a developing country — although some might question whether South Korea still falls into that category.

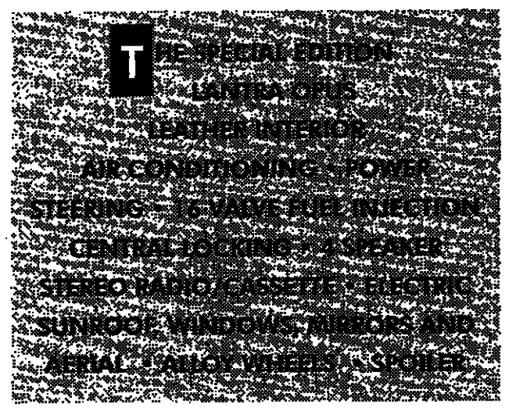
Taejon was chosen because it is being promoted as the country's technological capital — South Korea's "silicon valley", modelled on the Californian original. Taejon has a strategic position in the centre of the country, at the point where the motorway south from Seoul branches off to Pusan in the southeast and Kwangju in the southwest. It is already the setting for the Taedok science town, in which Expo '93 will be held.

Taedok was begun in 1972 and formally dedicated last November by President Roh Tae-woo. It already has three science schools and 27 research organisations, some state-run, some private. Among them are South Korea's agency for defence development and institutes for atomic energy and aerospace research, while the big South Korean companies, Samsung, Hyundai, Lucky Goldstar and Ssangyong, have research and development centres. When Expo '93 ends, many of the buildings and facilities will be used as permanent exhibition and research centres.



Expo '93: the Tower of Great Light is the focal point. An international pavilion will house the exhibits of 111 visiting countries

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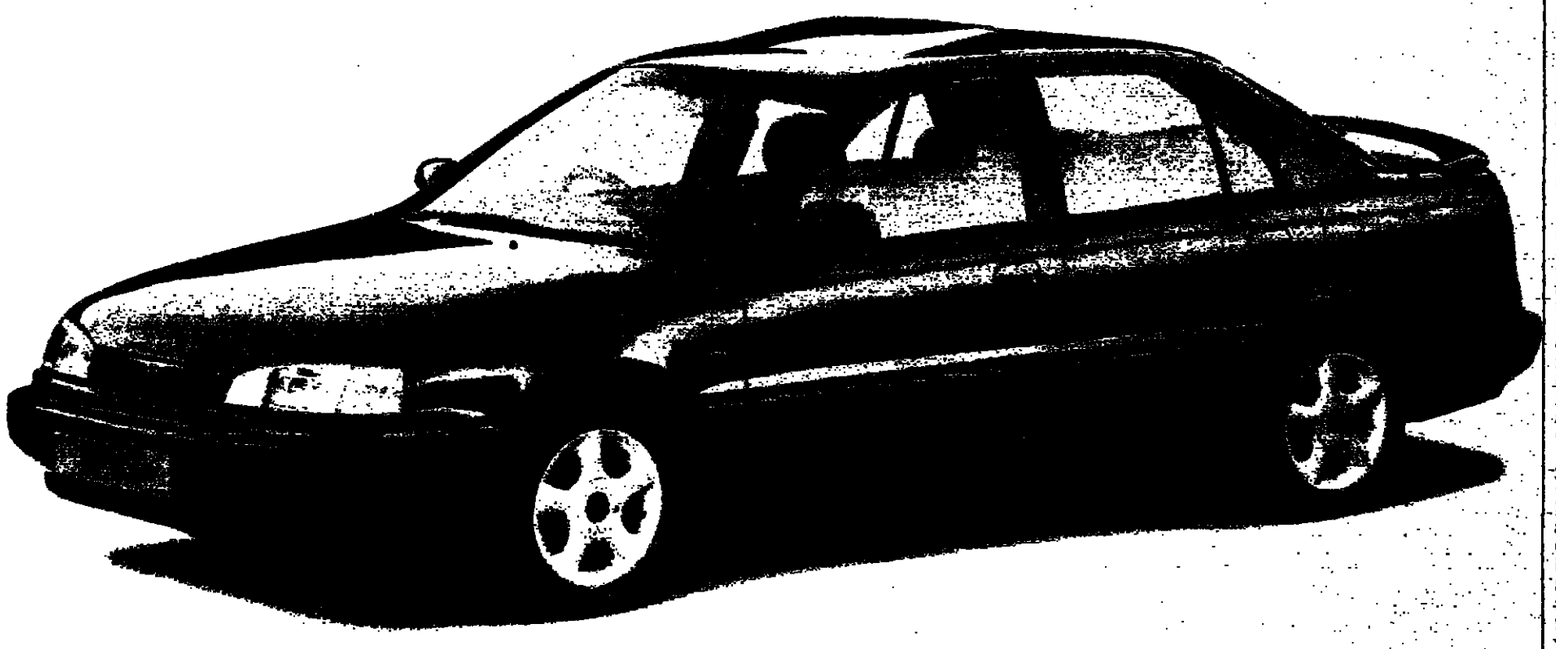
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Chariots of rope: an ancient game, now preserved

Nation guards rich diversity of its culture

Ancient skills and rituals are given protection as cultural assets

Koreans are deeply attached to their ancient cultural traditions and have created a distinctive system of classification designed to protect them. This extends not just to buildings, works of art and natural monuments, but to many of the ancient skills that are described as intangible cultural assets.

There are now 93 of these intangible assets, made up of 17 music genres, seven dances, 14 dramas, 21 masked plays and rituals, 31 crafts, two types of food and a solitary martial art.

Since they can only be preserved by people with the skills involved, the government has also nominated 175 people as Holders of the intangible assets. These people are known as Human Cultural Assets and are each paid a monthly stipend to preserve, perform and teach their designated skill.

The system was set up in 1962 by Park Chung-hee, then the military ruler, at a time when South Korea was not only poor but also culturally impoverished. Park's intention was to give Koreans pride in their heritage, and he created four categories: Natural Monuments, Folk Customs, Tangible Cultural Assets (buildings, works of art and books), and Intangible Cultural Assets.

The results have been dramatic. Many of the old traditions would by now have died had they not been nominated as Intangible Cultural Assets. On Cheju, the southernmost island, a woman preserves the skill of making horsehair hats that were once normal wear for aristocratic Koreans, who would tie their top-knots under the lacquered peak.

Another Holder preserves the food preparation methods used in the royal court, even though the last dynasty, the Choson, ended in 1910. Yet another has kept alive the distilling of a liquor known as "Spirit of the Law", although the high alcoholic content meant that until 1991 it was illegal to sell it to the public.

There are two veteran lacquerware experts, one for the ground shell inlay known as *kkunumjil* and one for mother-of-pearl *najon chilgi*. Others preserve knot-making, weaving, embroidery, brass-smelting and the characteristic paintings found on every Buddhist temple. Three *onggi* potters, the craftsmen who turn out the ancient dark-brown glazed pots used for preserving *kimchi*, the traditional pickled cabbage, have recently been nominated.

Intangible Cultural Asset No 1 is *Chongmyo cheryeak*, a rite performed annually from the 15th century in honour of the founding kings of the Choson dynasty. The senior Holder, Kim Chon-hung, is now 85. He is also a Holder for *Ch'oyongmu*, an ancient masked dance given in honour of the spirits of the five directions — East, West, South, North and Centre.

The asset system tacitly acknowledges the need to change tradition. That is because performance genres once designed for select local or court audiences now need to be paraded in front of millions of people.

Nearly half the Assets appointed are folk arts and crafts. Chindo, for instance, a "Jewel Island" off the south-western coast of Korea, which saw its first bus only in 1977, preserves four: *Kanggangsullae*, a woman's song and dance genre given at the harvest full-moon; *Tashiraegi*, an entertainment that was once part of a second-burial custom; *Ssikkim kut*, an eight-hour shaman ritual given to ensure the dead travel safely to the other world; and *Namdo ilsonae*, a set of rice paddy-songs that today encompasses a season's activities in a 25-minute performance.

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Children suffer in battle for education

Success at school is the main priority for families, **Michael Breen** writes


HEIMO AGA

National resource: children at this South Korean primary school face a future of hard work with study lasting until late at night

The economic miracle and the process of democratisation, which between them have transformed South Korea from the backward nation it once was, are solidly founded on the dedication of Koreans to education. They have believed in the importance of education since the days of the Choson dynasty (1392-1910), with its emphasis on Confucian values. A disciplined and educated labour force has been one of the nation's strengths.

Success has not been achieved without cost, however, to the nation's schoolchildren — and to their mothers, who are the unsung heroines of this saga. These tireless women rise at 5am to make breakfast for their hard-driven children, and often continue to ply them with coffee until well after midnight.

The process begins early. "My daughter started in a Korean primary school this year," says Mark Setton, a British expert in Confucianism now living in Seoul. "She has only one friend to play with after school. All her other classmates are going to institutes to study piano, maths, you name it."

Education is valued in Korea because now, as in the past, it is the prime means of social mobility. Men need a college education to secure a good job, and women to win a good husband. The result is that schooling usually becomes the main priority of the family. Parents will form their schedules around children's study routines and will move house in order to be near a better school. They may pay thousands of pounds for extra tuition.

Most pupils work so hard that they seem to enjoy little of their childhood. Even 14-year-olds are in school by 7.30am, and after a full day's classes will be doing private study at least until midnight. By the time they reach the final year of secondary school they are sleeping an average of four hours a night.

The children's energy comes from the desire to please their parents. "Most parents were children during the Korean war," says Chang Young-hee, an English literature professor at Sogang University in Seoul. "They were too poor to have an education. For them, college is a kind of dream. Their children are fulfilling this dream for them."

For the child, success or failure comes after 12 years of school, on a fateful day in December when, with half a million rivals, he or she sweats over the university entrance examination, consisting of 320 questions on 11 subjects, mostly of them the multiple-choice type. Those who pass with flying colours gain access to the top three universities, Seoul National, Korea and Yonsei, all in Seoul, and a guaranteed place in the exclusive club that makes up top Korean society. So great is the pressure that each year several students who fail commit suicide.

There are other malign side-effects of the parents' desperation for their children to succeed. One is the corruption that permeates the education system, from the kindergarten up. In the latest scandal to rock college campuses, some parents have been accused of paying up to £100,000 to buy places in colleges for their children. More than 60 parents, teachers and students are awaiting trial.

The "exam hell" experienced by the students is, of course, found to a greater or lesser extent around the world. But in South Korea it has now begun to draw fire because of criticism of the type of education that students are torturing themselves to receive.

"The whole system is still geared towards rote memorisation," says Dr Setton, who received his BA and MA at Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul. Businessmen complain that even top graduates have to be trained to think creatively once they start work.

The system, they say, fails to meet the needs of Korea's increasingly sophisticated, industrialised society, in particular for the use of high technology.

Because of this, many apply to study overseas. There are said to be more officials with PhDs from American colleges in the top echelons of the South Korean government than there are in the US government itself.

Some changes are being introduced. The government has decreed that English teaching, for example, should stress practical ability in the language.

"In the past we focused on grammar," says Chang Young-hee, professor of English at Sogang University. "As a result, our students could read complex books in English, but could not tell you the way to the station."

Another significant change is that the government has decided to grant universities greater independence in selecting new students, to enable them to carry out reforms.

The kimchi tradition

The Japanese, it is said in Korea, eat to please their eyes, the Chinese to satisfy their mouths, and the Koreans to fill their stomachs. In Japan, the spreads are as refined and subtle as a bonzai tree. In China, tastes can be more adventurous than subtle, running the gamut from the slimy sea slug to the bitter gall bladder of the bear. But the Koreans just like a solid meal.

The Koreans are not being entirely fair to themselves. Their cuisine is a tasty mix of meat, fish and vegetable dishes, often served on an array of tiny plates. The traditional Korean meal consists of rice, soup and a small portion of meat or fish, accompanied by side dishes, and although the rice and soup are bland, the other dishes are mostly spiced or salted.

The centrepiece of the meal, almost always encountered in one form or another, is *kimchi*, a spicy side dish of pickled vegetables, which has become a national institution. *Kimchi* is made of cabbage, turnip or radish, mixed with red peppers, garlic, ginger, salt fish and herbs, and its role, Koreans say, is to stimulate the appetite.

The dish is now recognised as a national symbol

Kimchi is, therefore, more than a staple. It is rather the very reason for Korean gourmandising. It is so fiery that it can neutralise other tastes, with the result that the best way in which to enjoy a Korean meal is to eat to one's heart's content.

Making *kimchi* is itself something of a ritual. In late November huge hillocks of white Chinese cabbage appear in the markets for sale. Housewives slice and pickle it for the winter. They then put the pieces in earthenware jars, as they have for centuries, and bury them in the garden if they have one. Nowadays *kimchi* is often left out on the balcony of a flat to keep cool and gain potency.

Kimchi was once the butt of foreign jokes along the lines of "that breath harnessed could power a steam engine", but it has begun to earn respect overseas. During the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, for instance, local Korean-Americans supplied *kimchi* to the canteen in the Olympic Village, and it rapidly became the most popular item.

In Britain, it can be eaten in the 20 or so Korean restaurants in London, although most regular customers are Asian.

The South Korean government now recognises *kimchi* as a national symbol, and has officially designated it a national treasure. There is a Kimchi Museum in Seoul that displays 2,000-year old *kimchi*-pots, and recipes dating back to the Koryo dynasty (935-1392).

With modernisation, South Koreans are eating more meat and less rice than before. The young have taken to hamburgers and pizzas. But *kimchi* retains its place in the nation's life, and one service offered by the Kimchi Museum is a weekly lesson to young wives in *kimchi*-making, a marital art which until recently was rated above all others.

There are two problems about *kimchi*. First, its appearance: it must be admitted that a dish of *kimchi* sometimes has an almost gory appearance. But the real obstacle is the smell. It is an unwritten rule among foreigners in Korea never to eat it at lunchtime if one has an appointment in the afternoon with another foreigner.

The best *kimchi* is spicy and salty, and at the same time has a refreshingly tangy taste. The once-insular Koreans, who until 1990 were not permitted to travel freely abroad, are addicted to their spicy food and feel depressed without it, like the Englishman who misses his chips.

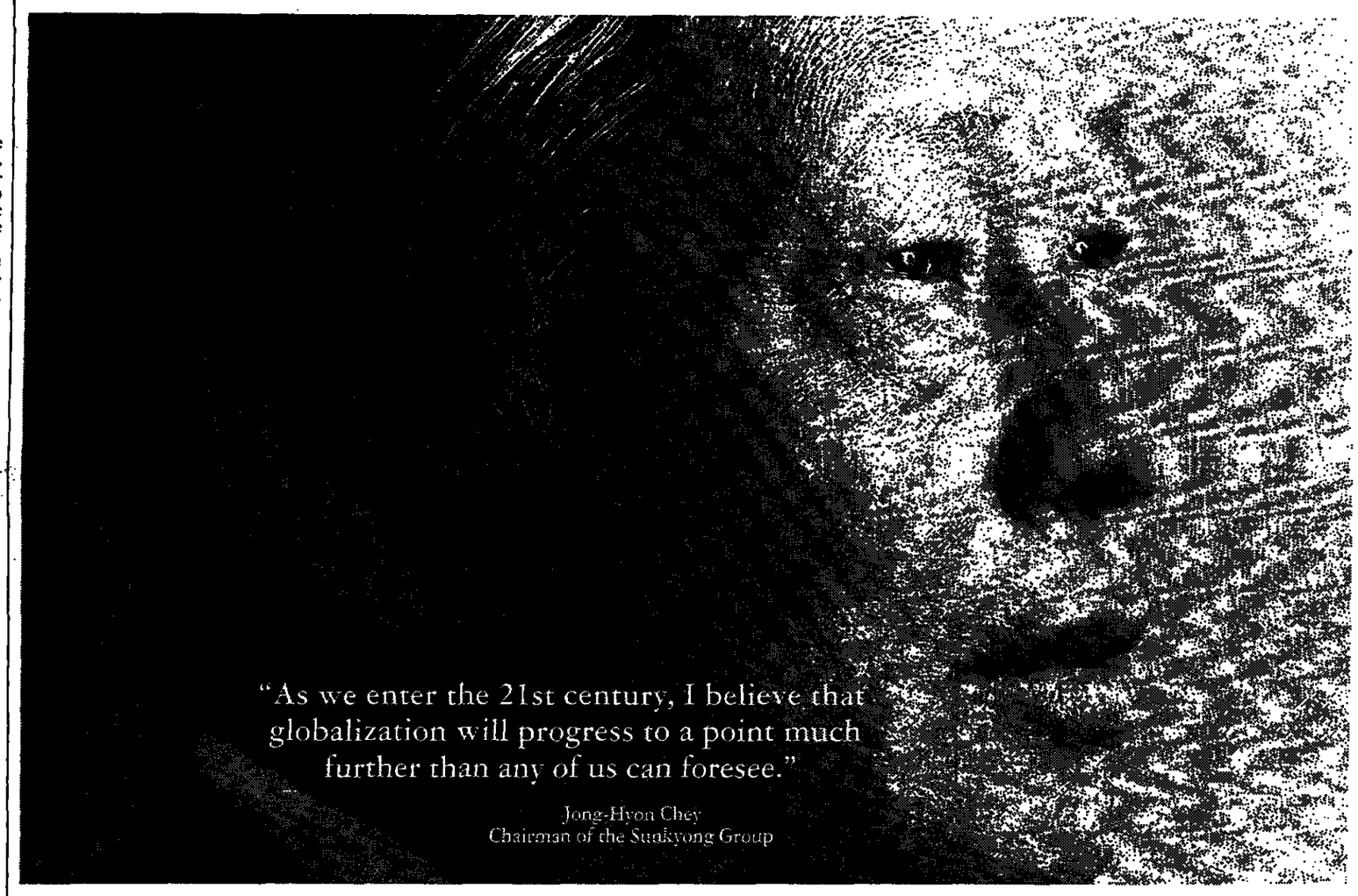
Korean students overseas sharing flats or dormitories often find that other students object to the smell of *kimchi* in the fridge. In Boston, one student kept his *kimchi* jars in a public park until a policeman caught him digging it up one night from under a bush.

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Buying fast food: but traditional food is still popular



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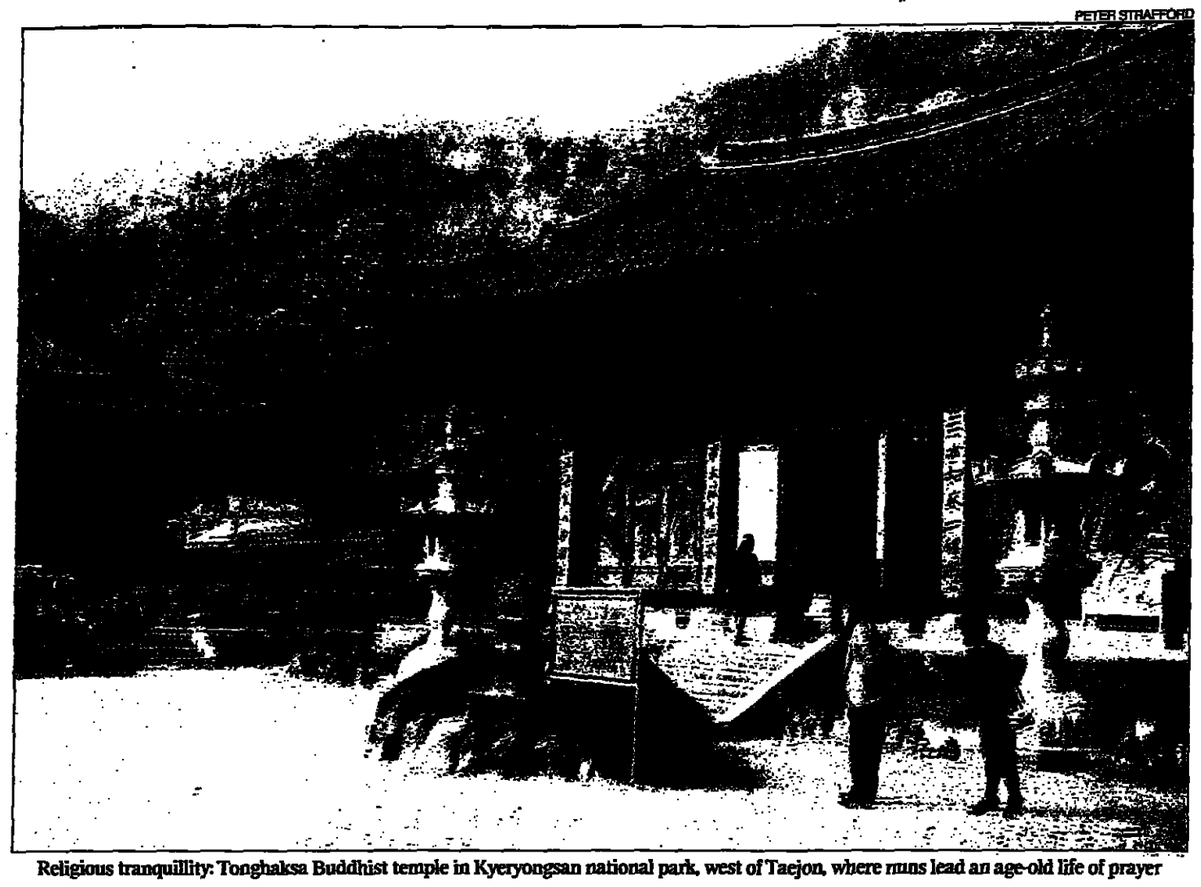
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Peter Strafford describes the temples and archaeological sites to be found in the country

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Religious tranquillity: Tonghaksa Buddhist temple in Kyeryongsan national park, west of Taejon, where nuns lead an age-old life of prayer

Beauty beyond the urban sprawl

There is a remarkable contrast between the unplanned jumble of South Korea's towns and cities and the quiet, often spectacular beauty of its countryside. About 70 per cent of the country is mountainous, and even from Seoul, a vast and spreading metropolis which has 25 per cent of the population, it does not take more than a few hours to reach steep, wooded hills and narrow valleys where every piece of available land seems to be taken up with rice paddies.

Many of the country's ancient Buddhist temples are in remote valleys, and that means that it is possible to combine walking in the mountains of the national parks with visits to temples that go far back into Korean history.

This history was tangled and often turbulent, and most of the temples, with their ornate tiled roofs, carved and painted wooden eaves, and statues of Buddha and his attendants, have been burnt down and rebuilt over the centuries. But they have a calm and a beauty today that belie the upheavals of the past.

Any visit to South Korea has to begin in Seoul. This thriving city has grown as fast as the country's dynamic economy, and it has a cultural life that draws on both traditional Korean arts and western models. It, too, has its mountains, with wooded slopes that ring the north of the city, and several former royal palaces whose traditional halls, courtyards and gardens make a contrast to the modern high-rise buildings and teeming traffic outside.

The National Museum of Korea has a magnificent collection of ceramics, metalwork, painting and sculpture from every period of Korean history.

Outside the capital, there is a different world. One of the most spectacular areas is the Mt Soraksan national park in the northeast, which combines beaches with unspoilt mountain scenery. Another is Cheju island off the south coast, which has a semi-tropical climate and is known throughout the country as the place that newly married couples choose for their honeymoons.

For those interested in Korean history, the most compelling place is Kyongju in the southeast, which was the capital of the ancient kingdom of Silla and, after AD676, when it finally defeated the two other kingdoms, the first capital of a united Korea. Today Kyongju is a medium-size town, but at the peak of its power in the 8th century it is said to have had a million inhabitants, and there are huge grass-covered burial mounds in the centre of the town. Some of them have been excavated, and the finds, of gold crowns, jewellery, pottery and metalwork, are on show in the museum.

The Buddhist temple of Pulguksa, first built in AD751, is a few miles away, set on a hillside and surrounded by woods. Like many other Korean temples, it had its wooden buildings burnt down during the Japanese invasions at the end of the 16th century, but the stonework and two pagodas survived, and the whole complex of halls and courtyards has been restored. Nearby, and also surrounded by woods, is the Sokkuram grotto, which has a powerful and moving statue of a seated Buddha, made in AD752.

Taejon, where Expo '93 is to open on August 7, is at the heart of another of Korea's ancient kingdoms, Paekche, which ruled southwestern Korea — and had an important influence on early Japan — from 18BC to AD660, when it was defeated by Silla. Taejon is a modern city on the river Paekma, but two of the former capitals of Paekche, Kongju and Puyo, are further downstream, each with archaeological remains of past glory. Like Kyongju, Kongju has royal burial mounds, and in 1971 archaeologists discovered the untouched tomb of King Munyong, who reigned in the sixth century. Rich finds, now in the museum, were also made there.

Some of the most beautiful sites in the Taejon area are the temples, tucked away in remote mountain settings. Two of them, Kapsa and Tonghaksa, are in Kyeryongsan national park, west of Taejon, an unspoilt expanse of forest and mountain — Kyeryongsan means "cock and dragon mountain" in Korean. It is possible to walk over the mountains between them in about four hours, but each has its own park entrance, with a 20-minute walk through the trees.

Further afield are Magoksa, a remote and tranquil temple with a five-storey pagoda, built on the bend of a river in the 7th century, and the much grander Popchusa, a monumental complex begun in the 6th century, that is set among the mountains of Sogrisan national park. Popchusa has a wealth of ancient stone sculptures, and an 80ft bronze statue of Buddha, put up in 1987, that towers above the temple buildings.

The temples are much visited by Korean groups and family parties, and they have a festive feel, with country people selling trinkets, fruit and vegetables in shops and stalls at the entrance gates. The temples themselves are places of devotion and prayer. They have immaculately kept buildings where the monks or, in the case of Tonghaksa, the nuns lead an age-old life in beautiful surroundings.

London gets a gallery

Korean art, with its simplicity and rawness, is given a better showing

There is a new Korean presence in Britain. Last December the Samsung Gallery of Korean Art was opened at the Victoria & Albert museum in London, and it shows that Korea, although often overshadowed by its two large neighbours, China and Japan, has made its own contribution to the arts of the Far East, *Peter Strafford writes.*

Pride of place goes to Korean ceramics, particularly the grey-green celadon ware, with its delicacy of colour and shape, which was at its peak in the 12th and 13th centuries, and the big chunky pots with dragons and flowers sprawling across them that were made in the 17th and 18th centuries.

But there are also 19th and 20th-century textiles, ancient metalwork and more modern furniture. A coffin of carved slate dates from the 12th century, a helmet inlaid with silver dragons from about 1600, and a richly coloured Buddhist painting from the 17th or 18th century.

The gallery was sponsored by the Samsung group with a gift of £430,000, and is the latest sign of the greater attention now being paid to the art of Korea, and the Far East in general. A gallery to house the Gompertz collection of Korean art opened at the Fitzwilliam museum in Cambridge in 1990, financed by Hyundai, and the British Museum also plans a new gallery.

Space was clearly limited at the V & A, and the Samsung gallery is essentially an embellished corridor. But the museum has been able to bring pieces out of storage and give greater prominence to those on display. It has some exquisite works that are the envy, according to Beth McKillop, the curator, of Korea's own museums.

The ceramics begin with the rough but harmonious pots, jars and urns of early Korea. Then come the celadons of the Koryo period (935-1392), with their inlaid designs of birds, trees, flowers and clouds. Last are the bold pots of the Choson period (1392-1910), alongside fine pieces of porcelain.

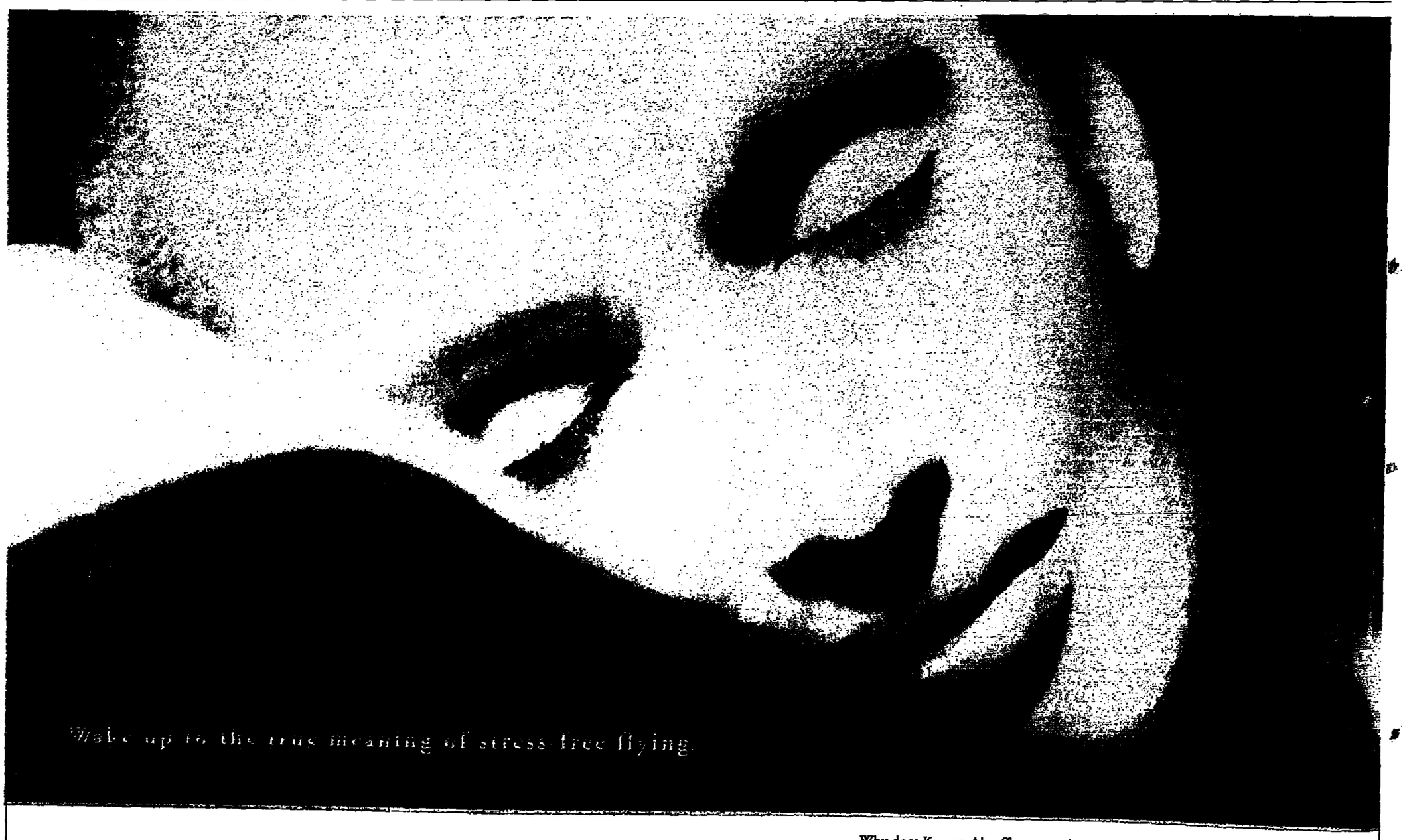
The gallery was designed by Tim Molloy, of Malone Design.



Dragon jar: Choson ware at the V & A

Korean art, design and architecture are characterised by a rawness and simplicity, he says, that set them apart from the more refined aesthetic values of both China and Japan.

"I was totally seduced by the Korean countryside", he says, "and you can see an appreciation of the wildness of the natural world in all Korean art and design... For instance, some of the pots in the new gallery have rough edges and uneven surfaces which add to, rather than detract from, their natural beauty."



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Boom in rugby union in schools yet to be fully harnessed

England suffer at Welsh hands

Wales Schools 8
England Schools 7

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

ENGLISH rugby has missed the point this season where Wales is concerned. After the 10-9 defeat in Cardiff for the seniors early this month, the 18 group school side went down as well, at Pembroke yesterday. The Welsh Schools won, and deservedly so, 8-7.

Thus England, undefeated in senior schools rugby last season, began in lacklustre fashion a programme which will end in New Zealand in August. That they have a long way to go, in every sense, is evident: though rugby union may be flourishing in schools in terms of quantity, on the basis of yesterday's game it would be hard to argue the same about the quality.

John Elgan Williams, formerly coach to the Welsh senior schools and now secretary, said: "On a team basis our first-choice XV is as good now as in 1970 but what we don't have is strength in depth, the necessary calibre, if we lose players to injury."

Alun Rees, his opposite number in England, who is also chairman of selectors and will manage the tour party which will play seven matches in New Zealand in July and August, admits: "It worries me that some of the basic skills are lacking. We should not be wasting time on things like handling and tackling when the boys come together."

Rees is trying to inject a common theme into English schools rugby by advising selectors in schools and counties throughout the country of the qualities those teaching rugby should be seeking. A database at the Rugby Football Union (RFU) youth centre in Castlecroft has been established to assess playing characteristics.

There has been an explosion of interest in the primary schools, the consequence both of England's success in the five nations' championship, which has provided a new generation of heroes, and of the growing number of youth development officers established by the RFU. Some 2,800 schools teach rugby in England, many of them bursting at the seams because of youngsters staying on for vocational courses rather than leaving at 16 at a time of recession.

This in itself has created problems in the provision of representative rugby, an area in which England's schools and colts officials are working closely. Consideration is being given to separate under-18 teams in both areas, with an amalgam at under-19 level that is already the case in Wales.

Yesterday, the Welsh boys showed a greater facility with the ball in hand, the product perhaps of two games together (wins over Scotland and Welsh Youth) but also of a more instinctive approach. England, by contrast, were laboured and it was not until Blyth, the Rugby full back, came on that they managed to find a way to the line.

By then Wales had scored their eight points, the talented Lee Davies kicking a penalty and Daniel Hawkins, at 5ft 4in the smallest player on the field, darting over for a try. England's ball-winning technique improved in the second half and they went close on two occasions before Blyth cut across the grain of the defence for a try which Robert Weston, younger son of the former England centre, converted. It was, though, too little too late.

SCORERS: Welsh Schools: Try: Hawkins. Penalty goal: Davies. English Schools: Try: Blyth. Conversion: Weston.

WELSH SCHOOLS: M Evans (Bassaleg); C Wilkins (Glam Hafran), R Jonas (Millfield), G Jones (Neath College), D Drew (Christ Brecon), L Davies (Swansea College); D Hawkins (Neath College), D Morris (Neath College); J Power (Neath College), B Evans (St Martin's, Caerphilly), Nathan Thomas (Llandovery), C Quinnell (Llandovery), Noel Thomas (Maesteg), M Williams (Coed y Lan), M Wareham (Maesteg).

ENGLISH SCHOOLS: R Ashforth (Bradford GS; rep: A Blyth, Rugby); G Truelove (Durham), M Dawney (Bedford Modern), G Ellison (Bradford GS), G Anderton (King Edward VII, Lytham); S Binns (Bradford GS; rep: R Weston, Durham), P Harvey (Durham); A Qezlemir (Hurstpierpoint), P Greening (Chosen Hill), J Smith (Duchess HS), M Brookes (Trent), D Bailey (Widnes Sixth Form), R Fidler (Cheltenham), N Oldham (Eastbourne), M Orsler (King's, Canterbury).

Referee: R Clarke (Scotland).

☐ The South African, Johann Roux, makes his competitive debut for Harlequins in their Pilkington Cup quarter-final match at Waterloo on Saturday. A scrum half, Roux, 24, who has played for Northern Transvaal and South Africa Under-24, replaces the unavailable Rob Glenister.

The England flanker, Mike Teague, returns to Moseley's side for Saturday's Pilkington Cup quarter-final at Northampton after a rib injury. Teague was hurt against Waterloo a fortnight ago.


IAN KENNEDY

Outnumbered: Greening, of England, takes on Noel Thomas and Wilkins, of Wales, at Pembroke yesterday

Angling left high and dry by drought of sponsorship funds

Brian Clarke on the benefits commercial sponsorship could bring to the fishing fraternity

The announcement that a grossly-polluted piece of water has been turned into a fishery fit to win the annual excellence award of the Angling Foundation and the Institute of Fisheries Management, is sufficient to generate pleasure and disappointment in broadly equal amounts.

The creation of any outstanding fishery, albeit one driven by huge commercial interest and much money, is to be applauded. But the achievement merely highlights how little commercial cash and sporting interest are drawn together in angling as a whole, compared to what is achieved in other sports.

Until the mid-1980s, Salford docks, off the Manchester ship canal, were a wasteland of warehouses and railway sidings surrounded by some of the most polluted water in Europe. Then it was decided to develop the area and clean up the water.

Dams were built to separate the water in the docks from the water in the canal. Oxygenating equipment had to be installed because the exceptional depth of water, and the steep docksides, meant that little natural circulation could take place. Fish were stocked.

In half a dozen years, what had been a sewage and chemical soup was rich in insect life. It now supports thriving populations of roach, rudd, dace and perch. Carp introduced at 2lb are now being caught at 15lb. Competitions lasting just three hours have produced individual bags of over 50lb.

Much public and private money was spent in the process. But thousands of waters capable of significant improvement elsewhere stay the way they are for want of relatively tiny sums.

There are poor-quality club lakes and ponds throughout Britain that do not need dams and oxygenating equipment, that could be greatly improved with a little top-class consultancy and, perhaps, some pump-priming cash. Any labour necessary would come from willing local hands, yet such funds are not available — for modest fishery improvements or for many other angling needs — in what is not only a vast sport but also a money-churning machine.

Fishing tackle manufacturers are said to turn over £100 million a year; bait suppliers £70 million; publishers £20 million; transport and food organisations £300 million. Fishery owners and others are alleged to take £700 million or so in licences and fees.

Of it all, scarcely anything comes back into the sport by way of sponsorship: the seedcorn that feeds the goose that lays the egg. What little that is reinvested by those who remove it mostly goes into competitive fishing — a minority interest that large numbers of anglers actually abhor — or into the relative triviality of the odd big-fish award.

Of course, few companies are in the altruism trade. Every sponsor wants a payback and without that, nothing can sensibly be expected. But if angling, by its very nature, does not lend itself to the kind of television coverage won by football or cricket, it does have much else.

It has more actual participants than those two sports and some others combined; a huge network of clubs, associations and leagues; large, special-interest groups each with its own national organisation. It has a rackful of glossy monthly magazines, two national weekly newspapers, several local radio and television outlets. It also attracts some coverage from the national media.

So there are plenty of people and institutions to impress and to sell to — and a ready-made infrastructure to ensure that credit is given where credit genuinely is due.

At the same time, there is no shortage of angling projects that are crying out for support. There are the kinds of fishery improvement programmes already referred to. There is the need for a properly funded and structured national tuition scheme that would attract young people in the right way.

The seemingly ever-present need of angling's specialist press for a "winner" could be satisfied by the funding of awards for those who do the most for the sport in a year: for the most innovative development in tackle or technique, the most meritorious angling feat, the most important development or conservation projects undertaken by an angling club. Even, in the longer term, the notion of a national angling museum would not come amiss. Importantly — and it would be organised and funded by the sport itself — there would be an award for the contribution by a commercial sponsor.

Getting sponsorship into angling is not the biggest challenge the sport faces, but it could ease some of the strains. Achieving it could be just one more result of a move by angling's representative bodies to set aside their rivalries and their obsession with competitive fishing, in the interests of the sport as a whole.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Fulham 1, Norwich City 4; Tottenham Hotspur 1, Oxford United 1; Swindon Town 0, Ipswich Town 2.

Late results on Tuesday

PREMIER LEAGUE: Manchester City 1; Sheffield Wednesday 2.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Oxford United 0, Grimsby Town 1; Swindon Town 2, Tranmere Rovers 0.

AUTOGLASS TROPHY: Semi-final south: Swansea City 2, Exeter City 3. Semi-finals north: Stockport County 2, Chesterfield 1; Wigan Athletic 5, Huddersfield Town 2.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bromsgrove 2, Stafford 3, Famborough 1, Slough 0; Witton 0, Welling 1. Drinkwise Cup: Semi-finals, first leg: Northwich 2, Macclesfield 0; Wycombe 3, Dagenham and Redbridge 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Dundee 0, Celtic 1; Motherwell 0, Rangers 4. First division: Cowdenbeath 0, Dumbarton 2. Second division: Clyde 0, Brechin 1; East Stirling 1, Arbroath 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Bury Town 0, Havant 4; Margate 1, Buckingham 0; Sittingbourne 1, Gravesend 0; Witney 2, Ashford Town 2. Midland division: Badworth 4, Stourbridge 1; RC Warwick 0, King's Lynn 1.

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Aveley 0, Billericay 2; Bishop's Stortford 1, Chatham St Peter 1. Second division: Harefield 0, Hungerford 1. Third division: Hornchurch 1, Royston 2.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: President's Cup: Marine 1, Winsford 1. First division: Gretna 2, Netherfield 1.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: League Cup: Semi-final: Fulham 1, Tottenham 2.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Queens Park Rangers 1, Brighton 0; West Ham United 0, Wimbledon 4

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Phoenix Suns 105, San Antonio Spurs 103, Houston Rockets 105, Utah Jazz 78; Orlando Magic 125, Portland Trail Blazers 107, Chicago Bulls 99, Milwaukee Bucks 95, New York Knicks 95, Minnesota Timberwolves 91; Cleveland Cavaliers 102, Miami Heat 100; Charlotte Hornets 104, New Jersey Nets 95; Atlanta Hawks 109, Washington Bullets 94; Detroit Pistons 101, Philadelphia 76ers 89; Indiana Pacers 113, Boston Celtics 86; Los Angeles Clippers 123, Sacramento Kings 116, Seattle SuperSonics 103, Denver Nuggets 99

BOWLS

PRESTON: Midland Bank world indoor championships: Singles: Second round: D Katunarich (Aus) bt H Duff (Eng), 7-2, 4-7, 2-7, 7-2, 7-6; T Allcock (Eng) bt J Muir (Scot), 7-6, 7-3, 7-5. Pairs: Quarter-final: G Smith and A Thomson (Eng) bt I Campbell and R Grant (Scot), 7-1, 7-1, 7-3.

CYCLING

TOUR OF VALENCIA: First stage (182km): 1, A Gutierrez (Sp), 4hr 05min 58sec; 2, L Jalabert (Fr); 3, A Baffi (It); 4, E Angusta (Sp); 5, F Bontempi (It); 6, P van Petegem (Bel), all same time.

PALERMO: Sicily International Week: Fourth stage (111km): 1, P Richard (Switz), 2hr 58min 01sec; 2, M Fondriest (It), at 10sec; 3, M Lelli (It), 16sec; 4, G Furlan (It); 5, D Bottaro (It), same time. Overall: 1, M Bartoli (It), 14hr 25 min 58sec; 2, L Lom (Cz Rep), same time; 3, P Fornaciari (It), at 45sec; 4, Richard, 2:07; 5, Fondriest, 2:18.

ETON FIVES

ETON: Barber Cup: Semi-finals: Old Edwardians bt Old Cholmeleians, 2-1 (J Mole and R Mason bt E Wass and G Dunbar, 3-2, A Hughes and R Tyler bt J Pinner and J Chapman, 3-0; C Friend and O Zacharewicz lost to O Bull and N Rathbone 1-3); Old Salopians bt Old Wuthuntians, 3-0 (I Hutchinson and J Eaton bt M Moore and S Flevell, 3-0; R Tophamand and G Davies bt M Yates and A Camer, 3-0). Third pair walkover.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): New Jersey Devils 3, Pittsburgh Penguins 1, Washington Capitals 4, New York Islanders 2; Quebec Nordiques 6, Edmonton Oilers 3; Winnipeg Jets 8, Ottawa Senators 2, Montreal Canadiens 5, St Louis Blues 1, Calgary Flames 6, San Jose Sharks 3

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Wales 8, England 7 (at Pembroke).

SKIING

FALUN, Sweden: Nordic world championships: Men's pursuit (15km plus 10km classic), 1, B Daehlie (Nor), 1hr 1min 46sec; 2, V Smirnov (Kazhakstan), same time; 3, S Fauner (It), at 1:10.6. Team combined (after 90m ski jump): 1, Japan, 663.7pts; 2, Germany, 590.2pts; 3, Norway, 570.9; 4, Switzerland, 580.2; 5, Italy, 529.8, 6, Austria, 519.5.

GRENOBLE, France: World Cup ballet event: Men: 1, R Kristiansen (Nor), 30.20 points; 2, F Becker (Fr), 29.80; 3, R Franco (It), 26.60. Women: 1, E Breen (US), 26.60 points; 2, A Johansson (Swe), 24.75; 3, J Snell (GB), 22.60. World Cup standings: Men: 1, Kristiansen, 600 points; 2, Becker, 580; 3, H Baumgartner (Switz), 544. Women: 1, Breen, 600 points; 2, S Petzold (US), 572; 3, Johansson, 548. British: 4, Snell, 540.

SNOOKER

DERBY: Wickes British Open: Third round: J Johnson (Eng) bt A O'Connor (Ire), 5-2; D Morgan (Wales) bt P Davies (Wales), 5-1; A Hamilton (Eng) bt D Mountjoy (Wales), 5-1; S Lee (Eng) bt S James (Eng) 5-2; S Davis (Eng) bt L Dodd (Eng), 5-0; D Finbow (Eng) bt P Francisco (SA), 5-1; M Hallett (Eng) bt C Small (Scot), 5-3; I Graham (Eng) bt D Taylor (N Ire) 5-1; J Parrot (Eng) bt A Higgins (N Ire), 5-0; J Watana (Thai) bt M Davis (Eng), 5-4; T Drago (Malta) bt J Wych (Can), 5-2; J Swail (N Ire) bt A Robidoux (Can), 5-2.

SQUASH

SRA WOMEN'S SUPERLEAGUE: Transcar Projects Countlands 1, Reebok Nottingham 2.

TENNIS

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona: Men's tournament: First round: A Agassi (US) bt S Stolle (Aus), 6-0, 6-0; E Sanchez (Sp) bt B MacPhie (US), 6-2, 6-3; D Wheaton (US) bt J Connors (US), 6-3, 6-3; T Enqvist (Swe) bt J-L Rascon (Sp), 7-5, 6-3; M Filippini (Uru) bt R Ranneberg (US), 6-3, 3-2, M Ondruska (SA) bt F Clavet (Sp), 6-3, 6-4; M Woodforde (Aus) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

ROTTERDAM: World indoor tournament: First round: O Camporese (It) bt J Bates (GB), 6-2, 6-0, K Carlsen (Den) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 6-4, 7-5; A Manadorf (Isr) bt B Steven (NZ), 6-0, 2-6, 6-2; T Nijssen (Hol) bt J Eldingh (Holl), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

INDIAN WELLS, California: Event Cup women's tournament: First round: T Austin (US) bt R Stubbs (Aus), 7-5, 6-4; C Wood (GB) bt R Fairbank-Nideffer (SA), 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; N Provis (Aus) bt J Watanabe (US), 7-5, 6-1; M Wardell (US) bt T Whittinger (US), 6-4, 6-1; A Mall (US) bt K Adams (US), 6-3, 3-7, 6-4; R Simpson-Alter (Can) bt N London (US), 7-6, 6-4; M Oremans (Holl) bt J Richardson (US), 7-5, 6-1; D Van Rensburg (SA) bt C MacGregor (US), 5-2, 6-3. Second round: H Sukova (Cz Rep) bt C Kuhlman (US), 6-1, 6-3; P Hy (US) bt E Reinach (SA), 2-6, 7-5, 6-2; B Ratner (Austria) bt J Kruger (SA), 6-1, 6-3.

MEXICO CITY: ATP men's tournament: First round: H de la Pena (Arg) bt A Gomez (Ecu), 6-4, 6-7, 7-5; A Corretja (Sp) bt J Cunha da Silva (Por), 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; J Tarango (US) bt M Strelba (Cz), 6-4, 6-2; L Lavalle (Mex) bt J Onclins (Sp), 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; A Berasategui (Sp) bt J Arrese (Sp), 2-6, 6-1, 6-0.

TELFORD: LTA indoor satellite tournament: Men: First round: M Mackegan (GB) bt L Barthez (Fr), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; H Priller (Austria) bt P Boutayre (Fr), 6-4 6-3; W Arthurs (Aus) bt A Richardson (GB), 7-6, 4-6, 6-3; M Petchey (GB) bt J Pino (Cuba), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; F Silverberg (Br) bt T Kempers (Holl), 7-5, 6-1; M Bernard (SA) bt T Hamman (GB), 7-6, 6-3; D Sapsford (GB) bt T Grin (Switz), 6-2, 1-0 rid; A Foster (GB) bt R Kraus (Ger), 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Stoke v Wolverhampton (7.0); Bolton v Leicester (7.0). Second division: Derby v Everton (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Portsmouth v Wimbledon (7.0).

DIADORA LEAGUE: Cup: Quarter-final replay: Enfield v Hendon. Associate Members' Cup: Second round: Southall v Northwood.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: World indoor singles and pairs championships (Guild Hall, Preston).

BOXING: British middleweight title: Frank Grant (Bradford) v John Ashton (Alfreton) (at Bradford).

SNOOKER: Wickes DIY Brasb Open (Derby).

TENNIS: LTA indoor satellite tournament (Telford).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

UROLAGNIA

(a) Sexual pleasure derived from urinating, from *uro-* urine + Greek *lagneia* the act of coition, lust: "These functions are sometimes termed the scatological group, with the two subdivisions of urolagnia and coprolagnia." "Was it his mother's fault that he suffered from urolagnia?"

DANDYFUNK

(b) American sailors nasty grub of hard tack soaked in water and baked with fat and molasses, etymology dodgy: "The dandyfunk steaming hot, a mixture between a cake and a pudding." "They grew tender over memories of lobscouse and dandyfunk."

KERERU

(a) The New Zealand pigeon, *Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae*, from the Maori word: "New Zealand pigeon. Kereru, also called by the native names of *Kuku* and *Kukupa*, was noticed and recorded by the early explorers."

PUPTON

(a) Now the usual form of *poulpeton* or *poupeton*, a dodgy-sounding French dish: 1723: "*To make a pupton of apples.* Make the Apples into a Marmalade, with Sugar and Cinnamon; then add Eggs, grated Bread and some Butter, then form it as you please. Then turn it upside down on a Plate, for a Second Course."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rxb8+! Kxb8 2 Qxe5+! fxe5 3 Rf8+ mating.

SPORTS LETTERS

Time for selectors to take honourable course

From Mr Richard Butler

Sir, I was one of the original petitioners who called for a special meeting of MCC to pass a motion of no-confidence in the England cricket selectors.

In the end we lost the vote and have since been quiet, not because we have given up, but more because it would have been ungentlemanly to carry on the argument whilst the England team were playing Test matches in India.

This is now not the case. England have been beaten out of sight, mainly because of inept selection.

Who would not argue that the inclusion of David Gower and Jack Russell would have added more *joie de vivre* to the side? The find of the series for India was Kambli, a left-hander, and surely the non-selection of the finest wicketkeeper in the world was futile.

The time has come for the selectors to do the honourable thing and resign en bloc, or has an act of honour, like so many things in Britain, fallen by the wayside?

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BUTLER,
27 Victoria Square, SW1.

From Mr Michael Woollard

Sir, Twice within a short time (February 3 and 19) you have printed a photograph of an unshaven gentleman sporting some sort of headgear that apears to advertise a brewery's product.

This gentleman is a cricketer. He is also the captain of England's cricket team.

By the shade of Jardine, what have we come to and where, if anywhere, are we going?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL A. J. WOOLLARD,
41 Kew Road,
Richmond,
Surrey.

From Mrs J. N. Thadani

Sir, Simon Barnes (February 19) deplores the England cricket team's preoccupation with lavatories and bowels.

He is too harsh with his countrymen. As an elderly Indian, I can confidently tell him that in India conversation has always centred eloquently on the state of one's intestines. Your cricketers simply picked up the habit like one more viral infection.

However, earlier British conquerors did possess "guts" in a different sense which seem, unfortunately, to have gone with the Raj.

Yours faithfully,
JAYA THADANI,
21 Campden House,
29 Sheffield Terrace, W8.

From Mr S. C. Joshi

Sir, The various mistakes made by the Test and County Cricket Board on the Indian tour have done little for English cricket.

However, the peace now returning after the Ayodha temple crisis is attributable in part to the Indian victory.

This is indicative of the power of international sport, and the decision of the TCCB to proceed regardless of the violence is to be applauded.

Yours faithfully,
S. C. JOSHI,
Seaway,
Havington Road,
Southend on Sea,
Essex.

From Professor John Pick

Sir, Do the people of San Marino play cricket?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PICK,
Willow Cottage,
20 High Street,
Sutton-on-Trent,
Newark,
Nottinghamshire.

Foster worthy of acclaim

From the Secretary of the Amateur Swimming Association

Sir, On Wednesday last week, a 22-year-old British man, Mark Foster, took on the 1992 Olympic champion — the Russian, Aleksandr Popov — and beat him.

Achieving first place in the race, at Britain's newest and best swimming facility, Ponds Forge, Sheffield, was an outstanding feat in itself. However, Foster's winning time was also a world record.

By covering 50 metres (short course) in 21.60sec, Foster had become the fastest person ever in the water.

The 50-metre event is the shortest world record distance. The 50 metres can be covered as one length of a 50-metre course — known as long-course swimming — or as two lengths of a 25-metre course — short-course swimming. Short-course produces faster times, and of all the stroke disciplines, men's freestyle is *the* fastest.

The result of this race represented a major breakthrough. In the long history of competitive swimming (with the earliest records dating back to 1869) no British man has ever held the 50 metres or yards freestyle world record.

Foster's triumph should shine like a beacon. We should welcome and acclaim his achievement.

Yours faithfully,
D. A. REEVES,
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Retired unhurt

From Mr George Parks

Sir, Indoor cricket (Weekend section, February 20) is not only for the young. The Norwich Cricket in Retirement Club, which caters for the 60-plus age range — some of us are in fact 70-plus — under the auspices of the Norwich Leisure and Community Services, meets once a week at the University of East Anglia Sports Centre.

About a dozen of us play a competitive game which we all find rewarding and which is played in an enthusiastic and friendly spirit.

We very much look forward to our weekly encounter, and regard it as one of the finest forms of therapy for the retired, as well as being a most enjoyable social occasion.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE PARKS,
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Mentally taxing

From Mr R. F. Hughes

Sir, It is disturbing to read (February 18) that the secretary of an important sporting committee has made such an ill-informed comment about one of Britain's fastest-growing sports.

Dr Chris Thorne, secretary of Cambridge University's men's Blues' committee, was quoted as saying that croquet is a game for pansies.

Of course, croquet can be merely a recreation, but then so can rowing or cricket.

Competitive croquet is one of the most mentally and physically taxing games there is, due to the amount of concentration needed. It has been described as snooker on grass, with tactics approaching the complexity of chess.

It is also one of the most ruthless games I know, which is perhaps why New York executives play it during their lunch hours to sharpen their minds and bodies for afternoon deals.

The physical and mental fitness needed to succeed at the top is indicated by the fact that the national champions in the last three years have been aged 21, 27 and 22.

Unlike cricket, croquet does not stop for rain or, in the case of my local club, snow showers. Yes, we were playing croquet last Sunday when the temperature was 4°C and the chill factor well below zero.

Perhaps Dr Thorne has been reading too much *Alice in Wonderland*.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK HUGHES,
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Chartham Hatch,
Canterbury,
Kent.

Athletic pleasure

From Mrs Christine Brinkley

Sir, What a pleasure it was to find at the recent athletics match between Britain and the United States in Birmingham that neither the participants nor the spectators indulged in the histrionic behaviour shown by many involved in tennis, cricket, football, motor racing and other sports.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINE BRINKLEY,
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Harrogate,
North Yorkshire.

Clear the pitch

From Mr T. S. McRoberts

Sir, Frequent changes in the laws of rugby union have failed to produce the free-flowing game that is sought for. Yet diagnosis of the cause is simple and the remedy has been staring us in the face for decades. There are too many people on the pitch.

Early club rugby was organised in teams of 20 and pictures on the walls of my old university club attest to the level of honest endeavour as steam hangs in clouds above static rucks.

Then some worthy soul, who deserves to be commemorated, had the temerity to suggest reducing numbers to 15. With this precedent to guide us, and bearing in mind the greater physical fitness of present-day players, is it not time to seek a new optimum for the number of players in the teams?

Regrettably, but rightly, any sacrifice in numbers must come from the forwards who are, unwittingly or not, responsible for the overwhelming majority of infringements and stoppages (also for other misdemeanours which the referee does not always see).

A pack of five, say, would make rugby union much more transparent and enjoyable for participants and spectators alike.

Yours faithfully,
T. S. McROBERTS,
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Twickenham,
Middlesex.

Beyond reach

From Dr K. E. Weale

Sir, I do not agree with Mr Oakley (February 11) that, in the tally of first-class centuries, double centuries should count as two, triples as three, and so on. A consequence would be that Sir Jack Hobbs (with 15 doubles and one triple) moves up to a total of 214, while Walter Hammond (36 and four) reaches 211. The "unattainable Everest" of 200 centuries should remain for the next millennium.

Yours faithfully,
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England team manager leaves door open for Gower's return against Australia

Fletcher to stand by captain for Ashes series



Despite the humiliation in India, the England manager is adamant the captain will not be a scapegoat, **Peter Ball** reports from Bombay

KEITH Fletcher came to the defence of Graham Gooch, his increasingly beleaguered captain, as England left Bombay yesterday for Bangalore to prepare for tomorrow's third one-day international. Fletcher reiterated his conviction that Gooch would captain England against Australia in the summer.

Although Gooch had suggested that he was considering his position after England's 3-0 defeat by India in the Test series, Fletcher dismissed any idea of him being replaced.

"I don't even think it's a topic for discussion," Fletcher said. "He is the man in charge and he will be next summer as far as I'm concerned, and he will be happy with that."

Fletcher's conviction is such that he even refused to rule out Gooch as captain in the West Indies next winter. Gooch said before the second Test in Calcutta that this was his last tour. "He said these things about not touring before and then he has gone on the tour," Fletcher said, suggesting that if the manager has his way, Gooch will again change his mind.

There are those who think that Gooch's biggest mistake was allowing Fletcher to persuade him to come on this tour against his earlier inclinations. For a man who does not like touring anyway, a tour to India in his fortieth year has proved a tour too far.

Fletcher, however, rejected the charge, saying that although he had wanted Gooch to come, he had not exerted undue pressure. It is true, as the manager said, that the blame for England's worst defeat in India spreads far beyond the captain.

For a team which likes to pride itself on its professionalism, the amateurism at the top is staggering. To suggest that a team touring India should be accompanied by a doctor and its own chef, as the England football team does after losing Gordon Banks to Montezuma's revenge in 1970, is to be greeted with slacked-jawed incomprehension by the powers that be.

But although illness, some of it self-inflicted, did not help the team's cause, nor, on occasion, did the strategy, tactics, or team selection.

Enough has been written and said about Gower, but every innings played by Blakey made the decision to select him look more questionable. But Blake's selection came out of the ambiguous position of Alec Stewart, which reflected muddled thinking, even after leaving aside the debatable principle of selecting your wicketkeeper on his batting ability.

"We want Alec to open," Fletcher said. There is no doubt that Stewart wants to open. In the second Test, when he had to captain as well, he surrendered the gloves to Blakey, deciding quite reasonably that doing all three jobs was impracticable.

But that should have been discussed before the tour, and one or other job taken away from him. As it was, Atherton, whose record as Gooch's opening partner is outstanding, was sacrificed. By the third Test, even though Stewart was not captain, he did not keep wicket. To treat him as an all-rounder no longer seems valid.

But tactics and strategy aside, England were outclassed in every department, as Fletcher had the grace to admit. Only two players, Hick and Lewis, came out of the series with their reputations significantly enhanced, although Fairbrother took a step forward and Jarvis did not let himself down.

The greatest plus has been the arrival of Hick as a Test cricketer of substance. He will still have to show that he can cope with high pace in the next year, but his growing confidence as the series went on has been visible. His command of the later stages of England's first innings at Bombay as he scored heavily while shielding Tufnell, and his dismissal of the Indian spinners was hugely encouraging.

"I think Hick could be a high-quality cricketer," Fletcher said. "I think he could be one to hold the batting together for the next ten years."

Lewis's performances were not far behind. His talent has never been in doubt, but on this tour he has visibly matured and is beginning to look a considerable cricketer. He looked by far the most penetrative bowler, particularly in the third Test, when his figures did him little justice, and his batting has come on in leaps and bounds, as his record of scoring the only other century along with Hick reveals.

Fairbrother, too, can be quietly satisfied. Apart from Hick, he played possibly the best English Test innings with his 83 in Madras, giving himself a platform from which to build a career as something more than a one-day international player.

Gatting and Smith both made a couple of fifties, and Stewart at times looked set for a big score, but their final returns were poor, and Gooch had a dismal time.

"It might not be exactly the same players who line up against Australia," Fletcher said. "As we said at the time of this tour's selection, David Gower's Test career is not necessarily finished. And Allan Lamb is another pretty useful batsman.

"We have got to get back home and then think about what is the best side to regain the Ashes." Fletcher also mentioned the promise of Graham Thorpe and Mark Lathwell, who are with the A team in Australia, and Mark Ramprakash, of Middlesex.

Of the bowlers, Jarvis had some good moments, but DeFreitas and Malcolm were way below form. Apart from Lewis, the pace bowling lacked bite, but the biggest disappointment were the spinners, who were expected to be the match winners before the tour began. The most pertinent comment on the bowling was that Hick finished top of the bowling averages as well as the batting.

GRAHAM MORRIS



Hit for six: Emburey has not been a match winner in India as hoped. He has had 17 sixes hit off his bowling

FINAL TEST AVERAGES

England — batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/st
G A Hick	3	6	0	315	178	52.50	1	1	5
M W Gatting	3	6	0	219	81	36.50	—	2	1
C C Lewis	3	6	0	206	117	34.33	1	—	3
N H Fairbrother	2	4	0	134	83	33.50	—	1	—
P C R Tufnell	2	4	3	28	22*	28.00	—	—	—
R A Smith	3	6	0	146	62	24.33	—	2	2
A J Stewart	3	6	0	146	74	24.33	—	1	—/1
I D K Salisbury	2	4	0	70	28	17.50	—	—	2
G A Gooch	2	4	0	47	18	11.75	—	—	1
P W Jarvis	2	4	0	20	8	5.00	—	—	1
D E Malcolm	2	4	2	4	4*	2.00	—	—	—
R J Blakey	2	4	0	7	6	1.75	—	—	2/—

PLAYED IN ONE TEST: J P Taylor 17*, 17; M A Atherton 37, 11 (2 ct); P A J DeFreitas 12, 11 (2 ct); J E Emburey 12, 1.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
G A Hick	76.5	11	202	8	25.25	3-19	—	—
P W Jarvis	60.2	13	167	4	41.75	2-72	—	—
D E Malcolm	57	11	170	3	56.66	3-67	—	—
P C R Tufnell	80.3	9	274	4	68.50	4-142	—	—
J E Emburey	58	14	144	2	72.00	2-144	—	—
C C Lewis	78	16	223	3	74.33	2-114	—	—
I D K Salisbury	52	6	230	3	76.66	2-142	—	—

ALSO BOWLED: J P Taylor 22-3-74-1, P A J DeFreitas 20-4-75-0.

India — batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/st
V G Kambli	3	4	1	317	224	105.66	1	1	—
S R Tendulkar	3	4	1	302	165	100.66	1	2	4
M Azharuddin	3	3	0	214	182	71.33	1	—	3
N S Sidhu	3	4	0	285	106	58.75	1	1	—
Kapil Dev	3	3	1	101	66*	50.50	—	1	3
P K Amre	3	3	0	147	78	49.00	—	2	4
M Prabhakar	3	4	0	130	46	32.50	—	—	3
K S More	3	2	1	30	26*	30.00	—	—	9/4
R K Chauhan	3	2	0	17	15	8.50	—	—	1
A R Kumble	3	2	0	16	16	8.00	—	—	1
S L V Raju	3	2	1	1	1	1.00	—	—	1

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
Kapil Dev	51.2	15	133	7	19.00	3-35	—	—
A R Kumble	161	53	418	21	19.81	6-84	1	—
M Prabhakar	46	17	127	5	25.40	3-28	—	—
S L V Raju	210	62	468	16	29.25	4-103	—	—
R K Chauhan	169.4	84	323	9	35.88	3-30	—	—

ALSO BOWLED: S R Tendulkar 4-2-9-0.

Compiled by Richard Lockwood Source: TCCB/Bull

Gooch's revolution has finally run its course



Simon Barnes says the limitations of using the professional football approach to selecting the England cricket team have been exposed

Graham Gooch wanted to be the Margaret Thatcher of English cricket. He wanted to be a leader with vision: revolutionary, a new moral force. He wanted to leave his mark: a new tradition of remorseless excellence. Thatcherism fell on hard times: Goochism has followed.

Before Gooch was made captain, he had become appalled at the sloppiness of the England team. Its amateurishness. The shoddiness of preparation. The physical and mental laziness, the notion that all us members of the in-group were so talented that all we needed to do was to turn up.

When Gooch took over, he broke the "inner ring". He substituted the Gooch work ethic for the Bothamesque tradition of swaggering complacency. Plenty of sweat. Three thousand laps of the field and ten million press-ups. No easy games, take each match as it comes, and always give 110 per cent. That is Goochism, and the times were ripe for it. It worked.

And naturally Gooch was hailed for his efforts: hero through a series with West Indies, scored a triple-century against India, did just about everything right. But now England cricket is back where he found it: at the bottom of a trough of defeatism. Pakistan won in England: now India have beaten England by huge margins in three successive Tests.

The other major blot on the Gooch record is the tour of Australia in 1990-1; another 3-0 defeat, and a series of humiliations that bordered on the comic. Gooch was asked to compare the two tours. "In Australia, our attitude was not up to standard. Here we have stuck at it. I'm not as disappointed as I was in Australia. I don't think we did ourselves justice there." The logic doesn't quite work. Better attitude, worse defeat.

But Gooch has always had his critics. Frightfully football, people thought, and Gooch's alliance with the then manager, Micky Stewart, did not delight everyone. Stewart was even more football. But victory is a potent answer.

Now the cover of victory has been stolen away, and Goochism stands exposed. It is as limited as any other doctrinaire system. The point of Goochism is that limited, hard-working players with great heart and great competitiveness will win more games than more gifted and less sweaty individuals.

Re-enter David Gower: *cause célèbre* and martyr at the altar of Goochism. "I'm quite happy about the selection for this tour," Gooch said in the post-defeat press conference. Keith Fletcher, the England manager, added: "I can't fault anyone in the side. Everyone put in 100 per cent effort." That is why Gooch is happier about the Indian disaster than he was about the Australian debacle.

Of course, a ridiculous fuss has been made about this Gower business. It has been claimed as a moral battleground: individual excellence against sweaty uniformity. But at least half of the matter is just another aspect of England's endless class war.

It was an attempt to register a protest against all those rough footballing types, and to reclaim the game for the upper-middle classes. It is unlikely that Gower would have transformed the tour single-handed. The more relevant part of all this is that his omission, and that of the wicketkeeper, Jack Russell, reveals the limitations of Goochism.

Cricket, more than any other game, takes on all sorts and conditions of men. Chris Lewis, of England, is seen as a wonderful athlete; Chandrasekhar, of India, whose right arm was withered from polio, was an incomparably greater player. The game is traditionally played by aristocrats and blacksmiths, middle-class commuters and the Tewin village bobby.

The historian G. M. Trevelyan famously said that the French revolution would never have happened if the French aristocrats had been like the English, and played cricket with the peasants. A cricket team — any cricket team — includes people of different temperament, shape, size, agility, strength and background. But Goochism went against this age-old pattern. The result is that the team contains too many players of the same type.

As Gooch prepares to leave for home when the team goes on to Sri Lanka, he will leave Alec Stewart in charge. And now for something completely the same. Stewart is like Gooch, only loud.

In short, Gooch smashed the inner ring of English cricket only to establish one of his own. His kind of players. The baseball hats, the huddle, the practice sessions with baseball mitts, the Dame Edna sunglasses.

I am not anti-Gooch: far from it. A magnificent and courageous cricketer. To his credit, he has persisted — off and on — with the awkward and irritatingly talented Phil Tufnell. But the failure in India leaves the limitations of Goochism exposed.

Cricket encompasses an extraordinarily wide range of possible tasks and an extraordinarily wide range of people excel at it. This is at the heart of cricket and the failure to come to terms with it has been the error of Goochism.

What do they know of cricket who only cricket know? This most famous of lines from C. L. R. James acquire a further level of meaning if we make it the epitaph for this tour, perhaps for all of Goochism. By limiting itself to a world of sweating and blinkered professionals, the England cricket team is less than it might have been. This tour has shown that 110 per cent is not enough.

Lord Rees-Mogg, page 20

SPORT IN BRIEF

Lewis defends title despite pay dispute

LENNOX Lewis, of Britain, the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champion, said yesterday he would meet the American, Tony Tucker, in May despite a dispute over a five per cent cut in his purse ordered by the WBC. It decided Lewis should take 75 per cent of the £9 million-plus purse instead of the 80 per cent laid down in its rules for a champion defending in the challenger's country. It would mean a £420,000 pay cut for Lewis.

Don King, Tucker's promoter, pressed for the purse change, arguing that there were special circumstances because Lewis did not win the title in the ring. Lewis was awarded the WBC title when the American, Riddick Bowe, was stripped of the crown for not honouring a contract to meet Lewis. Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, will be fighting the move through lawyers in the States and the British Boxing Board of Control will be making representations to the WBC. Bowe, who holds the WBA and IBF titles, is likely to have a rematch next June with Evander Holyfield, whom he outpointed for the titles in Las Vegas last November.

Scots opt for continuity

RUGBY UNION: Scotland will field the team that defeated Wales 20-0 at Murrayfield for the Calcutta Cup match against England at Twickenham on Saturday week. Also at stake is the triple crown and, for a number of players, the final chance to press for places in the British Isles tour party to New Zealand this summer.

Among strong candidates for the tour team are Gary Armstrong and Craig Chalmers, together for the 26th time, and Gavin and Scott Hastings. Gavin Hastings is a likely captain of the tour side.

SCOTLAND: A G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); A G Stanger (Hawick), S Hastings (Watsonians), A G Stiel (Melrose), D A Stark (Boroughmuir); C M Chalmers (Melrose), G Armstrong (Jed-Forest); P H Wright (Boroughmuir), K S Milne (Heriot's FP), A P Burnell (London Scottish), D J Turnbull (Hawick), A I Reed (Bath), D F Cronin (London Scottish), I R Morrison (London Scottish), G W Weir (Melrose). Replacements: K M Logan (Stirling County), G P Townsend (Gala), A D Nicol (Dundee High School FP), C D Rogg (Melrose), G R Isaac (Gala), I Corcoran (Gala).

Lift for Thorne

SNOOKER: Willie Thorne, who was declared bankrupt last summer, became the first player to secure a place in the last 16 of the £250,000 Wickes British Open by beating Anthony Hamilton 5-1 at the Assembly Rooms, Derby yesterday (Phil Yates writes). Thorne, nineteenth in the provisional world rankings, said: "I am struggling with my game in practice but I'm fighting hard. This time last year, I might have thrown in the towel in a similar match but now I'm getting stuck in." Alan McManus, who, with John Parrott, has earned more ranking points than anybody else this season, eased into the last 32 with a 5-2 victory over Jason Prince and David Roe, of Derby, beat Mark Williams 5-1.

Second medal for Snell

SKIING: Julia Snell won another medal in the last event before the freestyle world championships in Austria next month. The Southampton skier yesterday took bronze to add to the silver she had won at the World Cup event in La Plagne, France. The competition was extended to make up for weather problems earlier in the season. Ellen Breen, of the United States, was again unbeatable, and she will stay that way at the top of the rankings with six gold medals to her credit and three World Cup events remaining. Rune Kristiansen, of Norway, who has set standards for freestlye skiing in a routine combining power with just the right amount of grace, also secured the overall title.

Cannons stumble

SQUASH: Cannons Club, without Chris Dittmar, their No. 1 string, who was playing in the final of the Leekes Classic in Cardiff, dropped a point that may have ended their chance of taking the Pimm's Premier League championship when Del Harris lost at second string against bottom-placed W F Village Manchester (Colin McQuillan writes). Harris, 23, has recurring injuries and increasing difficulty finding motivation. He was demoted to follow the emerging Tony Hands, a fellow Essex player, and lost 9-5, 8-10, 9-3, 1-9, 9-2 to Paul Lord, the England No. 18. Lambs Club and Leekes Wizards, both comprehensive winners this week, are favourites for the title.

Border on brink



CRICKET: Allan Border, right, goes into the first Test match against New Zealand in Christchurch today needing 50 runs to overtake Sunil Gavaskar's 10,122 to become the highest scorer in Tests. With an average of 52.09 over 138 Tests, the Australian captain should pass the mark in what is likely to be a tight contest, with the Australians smarting from a 2-1 defeat at the hands of West Indies.

Sheffield by laser light

SWIMMING: A World Challenge short-course special at Sheffield on Easter Monday, April 12, will pitch the best of Britain against the rest of the world in ten races. The laser-light show will, at £100,000, be the best funded swimming event in Britain and is sponsored by Optrex, the City of Sheffield and the Amateur Swimming Association of England. The event will be linked with the Edinburgh International on April 8 to 10, which has boasted the best line-up of overseas swimmers in Britain for the past three years. Organisers will pay out £10,000 in prize-money to swimmers in the top three places, with bonuses for records, but they will not pay appearance money.

New Parc des Princes

PARIS Saint-Germain are seeking a venue for their French Cup home game against Strasbourg on March 7 after work began this week on the Parc des Princes pitch. Experts from the British company that looks after the turf at Wembley stadium are digging up 7,500 square metres of the Parc des Princes. The pitch broke up badly recently. It should be relaid in time for Paris Saint-Germain's next home league match, on March 12. All non-sporting events, such as pop concerts, scheduled at the Parc des Princes in the next three months have been cancelled. The pitch should be ready for the French rugby union team's five nations' championship match against Wales on March 20.

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Jockey Club calls in police over Her Honour dope case

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

DETECTIVES from Devon and Cornwall police will meet the Jockey Club's security department tomorrow to discuss the doping scare involving Her Honour.

"The Jockey Club has been in touch with the force and further discussions will be taking place," Det Supt Michael Walsh said yesterday. "There may be an investigation when we are in full possession of the facts."

Her Honour tested positive to a prohibited substance following the Walton Novices' Hurdle at Kempton on January 22. Martin Pipe's filly started 6-4 favourite but was beaten by 40 lengths.

The Jockey Club has refused to name the substance although it is thought to be a fast-acting tranquiliser.

In contrast to previous cases where there have been suspicions of horses being "got at," the Jockey Club has informed the police straight away.

Normally, the Jockey Club security team carry out their own enquiries before contacting the local police force. This has led to criticism that the trail has gone cold by the time detectives become involved.

"The Jockey Club's policy has changed and they now involve the police from an early stage so that, if and when an offence should come to light under the Finance Act, the police are aware of the story from the beginning," a Devon and Cornwall constabulary spokeswoman added.

The Jockey Club has not covered itself in glory in the handling of the Her Honour case. After dismissing rumours of doping, it completed a U-turn and disclosed the positive test.

David Pipe, the club's director of public affairs, said yesterday: "I did not reveal everything I knew because of what I considered to be the best interests of racing."

On a happier note, David Nicholson became the second National Hunt trainer — after Martin Pipe — to pass £500,000 in win and place prize-money for the season when Barton Bank made a successful return to chasing at Warwick yesterday.

With only two opponents, one of whom was pulled up half way round, the Whitlenge Novices' Chase provided the winner with a gentle school round before going for the Sun Alliance Chase. The seven-year-old still appears to jump rather low on occasions.

Barton Bank provided the opening leg of a short-priced treble for Richard Dunwoody which put him 21 winners clear of Peter Scudamore. Hills make him outright favourite for the jockeys' championship for the first time in a month, offering 13-8 on Dunwoody, 6-5 Scudamore.

Ron Hodges provided the leading jockey with his two other winners in Smartie Express and Jurz, who sadly finished lame.

Flakey Dove justified favouritism in impressive style in the Regency Hurdle but bookmakers pushed him out in the Champion Hurdle betting. Richard Price plans to give his game mare one more run before Cheltenham.

Trainglot continued the fine form of Jimmy Fitzgerald with a comfortable victory in the Coventry City Novices' Trial Hurdle, a race which has often provided a subsequent festival winner. The ill-fated Thetford Forest went on last year to win the Sun Alliance Hurdle, now the objective for Trainglot.

RICHARD EVANS

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Champion Hurdle favourite on trial

By Richard Evans

DAVID Elsworth is less than three weeks away from discovering if the ante-post voucher he possesses for Muse in the Champion Hurdle represents one of the shrewdest investments of all time — or is as worthless as the South Sea Bubble share issue.

Last autumn the Whitsbury trainer managed to obtain 100-1 against his horse winning the hurdlers' crown on the first day of the Cheltenham festival. The flimsy piece of bookmaker's paper containing details of the wager has not stopped appreciating in value since Muse beat Morley Street, the 1991 Champion Hurdle winner, at Ascot in November.

Other successes, combined with fancied horses falling by the wayside, have promoted his fancy to favourite for the big race in some bookmakers' lists.

"Taking the 100-1 was easy; winning the Champion Hurdle is the difficult part," Elsworth reflected yesterday.

At Wincanton today, Muse can boost Elsworth's dreams of riches by taking the Kingwell Hurdle, although the likely shape of the race will test Muse to the full.

Muse is best when setting off in front but he will face a stern challenge for a leading role from Valfinet and Sanndila. Both like to force the pace and, in theory, the trio could end up cutting each other's throats.

However, with Kribensis and Gran Alba having shown little form of late and Exact Analysis looking out of his depth, it is hard to pinpoint a runner to take advantage. "I will be surprised if Muse doesn't win," Elsworth concluded.

Toby Balding, who decided against running Morley Street, has not allowed the drying ground to put him off declaring Cool Ground for the Jim Ford Challenge Cup, which he won in 1991.

Although last year's Cheltenham Gold Cup winner has yet to recapture his best form, he ran well behind Sibton Abbey at Cheltenham last month and should be too good for his three rivals, led by Garrison Savannah, the 1991 Gold Cup winner.



Gold Cup winner Cool Ground, who faces three rivals at Wincanton today

WINCANTON

THUNDERER

2.00 Woodurather. 2.30 DIANES DESTINY (nap). 3.00 Muse. 3.30 Cool Ground. 4.00 Viking Flagship. 4.30 Night Clubbing.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 WOODURATHER.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

2.00 K J PIKE & SONS CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,658: 2m) (18 runners)

1 U0P WILD AND LOOSE 34 (R Richards) D Elsworth 5-11-12 — A Procter (5) 75
2 45U23R- CERTAIN STYLE 295 (D,F,G,S) (The Bogey Partnership) J Old 10-11-10 — T Grantham —
3 01332-3 WOODURATHER 20 (CD,BF,G) (R Barber) M Pipe 7-11-10 — P Scudamore [top]
4 53/131-0 ABU MUSLAB 7 (CD,F) (G Edwards) G Edwards 9-11-5 — R Dunwoody 96
5 135240 CARIBBEAN PRINCE 29 (V,D,F,S) (T Maycock) M McCourt 5-11-5 — G McCourt 94
6 2-F0011 COLWAY PRINCE 8 (D,G,S) (A King) A Jones 5-11-5 — G Upton 68
7 UP025-0 IMPERIAL FLIGHT 140 (CD,F) (Miss S Douglas-Pennant) J King 8-11-3 — J Kavanagh 83
8 00 MARINER'S BOW 52 (G Stickland) G Stickland 6-11-2 — Mr S Stickland —
9 P-P05 SPIRIT LEVEL 55 (J Payne) J Payne 5-11-2 — Mr R Payne (7) 56
10 R0056-0 HINTON MARINER 9 (R Hand) W G Turner 6-11-0 — Miss A Turner 71
11 0340RP SANDRO 27 (B,F,G) (Mrs M Rowe) R Baker 4-11-0 — W McFarland 78
12 1/P00/0 WESTERN DIVIDE 7 (D,F) (P Perratt) J Perratt 8-11-0 — D Leahy (5) —
13 404/046- ONE FOR IRENE 422 (D,G) (Miss S Batner) R Price 6-10-13 — Mr C Campbell (7) —
14 55-0550 FOREST FAWN 13 (D,G,S) (P Church) E Wheeler 8-10-11 — J White 80
15 300/0 HIGHTOWN FONTANA 31 (D,S) (R Hodges) R Hodges 12-10-9 — T Thompson (7) —
16 55 PRE PAINT 35 (BF) (L Snook) J Aletiurst 4-10-7 — J Osborne —
17 5U3224 ATHAR 15 (J Buxton) R Baker 4-10-6 — A Webb 90
18 P06 ALERT THE BOYS 23 (R Hodges) R Hodges 4-10-5 — W Irvine 70

BETTING: 10-11 Woodurather, 6-1 Abu Muslab, 13-2 Colway Prince, 7-1 Athar, 8-1 Caribbean Prince, Wild And Loose, 12-1 Imperial Flight, 20-1 Certain Style, 33-1 others.

1992: VA LUTE 8-10-9 D Matthews (13-8 fav) R Holder 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

WILD AND LOOSE 19l 7th of 9 to Satin Lover in the grade II Laurels Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham on penultimate start (2m 1f, soft). WOODURATHER 6l 3rd of 12 to Persian House in a handicap hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, soft). ABU MUSLAB beat Tel E Thon 1l in a 6-runner handicap hurdle at Lingfield (AW, 2m, standard). FOREST FAWN 20l 8th of 12 to Band Of Hope in a claiming hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, soft). PRE PAINT 17½l 5th of 15 to Tudor Da Samba in a selling hurdle at Taunton on penultimate start (2m 1f, soft). ATHAR head 2nd of 9 to Land of The Free in a claiming hurdle at Wincanton on penultimate start (2m, soft). Selection: WOODURATHER

2.30 STEWART TORY MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £3,600: 2m 5f) (10 runners)

1 114-5U6 OUR NOBBY 47 (D,F,G,S) (R Bastian) D Elsworth 11-11-10 — J Darlcas (3) 97
2 31P/P54 WESTERN LEGEND 22 (CD,G,S) (Miss J Laing) P Nicholls 9-11-4 — T Jenks (7) [top]
3 1/23-DPP GOLD HAVEN 96 (B) (Pell-mell Partners) A Turnell 9-11-0 — J Rees (7) 92
4 P-PF545 BRONZE FINAL 42 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Mossen) J Gifford 10-10-11 — T McCarthy (7) —
5 322124 PITHY 19 (BF,G,S) (B Owen) R Price 11-10-2 — G Lewis (7) 98
6 625232 DIANES DESTINY 21 (D,F,G,S) (Dr D Chesney) J Upson 9-10-1 — Miss B Towler (7) 93
7 /6U/PU0 KAMSEL 101 (F,G) (Miss J Southall) Miss J Southall 10-10-0 — N Bradley (7) —
8 3156-6P CAMDEN BELLE 17 (F,G) (B Edgeley) M Muggeridge 11-10-0 — C Bonnett-Wells (5) 77
9 6-25143 UNDER OFFER 10 (B,C,D,G,S) (Miss S Douglas-Pennant) J King 12-10-0 C Hancock (7) 92
10 513/06-5 THE FRUIT 97 (F,G) (R Ledger) R Ledger 14-10-0 — Mrs N Ledger (7) —

Long handicap: Kamsel 9-8, Camden Belle 9-5, Under Offer 9-4, The Fruit 8-11.

BETTING: 2-1 Gold Haven, 4-1 Dianes Destiny, 9-2 Western Legend, 6-1 Our Nobby, Pithy, 12-1 Bronze Final, 14-1 Under Offer, 33-1 others.

1992: SHANNAGARY 11-11-2 Miss P Curling (100-30) R Hodges 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

OUR NOBBY distance 6th of 7 to Beach Road in a handicap chase at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). WESTERN LEGEND 11¼l 4th of 8 to Kentish Piper in a handicap chase at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, soft). PITHY 3½l 2nd of 4 to Dr Rocket in a conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m, heavy). DIANES DESTINY 1½l 2nd of 14 Baldsland in an amateurs' handicap chase at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good). CAMDEN BELLE pulled up behind Gold Cap in a 7-runner handicap chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, good to soft). Selection: DIANES DESTINY

3.00 KINGWELL HURDLE (Grade II: £11,060: 2m) (6 runners)

1 2112-04 GRAN ALBA 19 (B,D,F,G,S) (D Thompson) R Hannon 7-11-10 — G McCourt 91
2 23-1611 MUSE 26 (D,G,S) (White Horse Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 6-11-10 — P Holley [top]
3 PP/201 EXACT ANALYSIS 9 (S) (Mrs E Townley-Berry) N Mitchell 7 11-2 — G Upton 50
4 1/20-56 KRIBENSIS 59 (CD,F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-11-2 — R Dunwoody 84
5 1-11112 VALFINET 19 (D,BF,G,S) (F Farrant) M Pipe 6-11-2 — P Scudamore 96
6 3P-1152 SANNDILA 11 (D,S) (Mrs J Cantillon) P Flynn (Ire) 5-10-11 — A Maguire 98

BETTING: 11-8 Muse, 15-8 Valfinet, 6-1 Sanndila, 8-1 Gran Alba, 12-1 Kribensis, 200-1 Exact Analysis.

1992: RIDWAY 7-11-10 P Scudamore (11-4) T Thomson Jones 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

MUSE beat Nomadic Way 25l in the 4-runner grade I Wyco Power Transmission Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f 110yd, soft). EXACT ANALYSIS beat Elite Len 1½l in a 7-runner handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, soft). KRIBENSIS 30l 6th of 8 to Mighty Mogul in the grade I Bonusprint Christmas Hurdle at Kempton (2m, good to soft). VALFINET 8l 2nd of 5 to Mole Board, with GRAN ALBA 41l 4th, in a conditions hurdle Sandown at (2m 110yd, good to soft). SANNDILA 5½l 2nd of 9 in a grade III hurdle at Leopardstown (2m, yield). Selection: MUSE (nap)

3.30 JIM FORD CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (£9,870: 3m 1f 110yd) (4 runners)

1 4F4023 COOL GROUND 26 (CD,BF,G,S) (Whitcombe Manor Ltd) G Balding 11-11-12 A Maguire [top]
2 2/2P-F53 GARRISON SAVANNAH 14 (B,CD,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-12 — M Pitman 86
3 142/3-5 CAWIES CLOWN 14 (CD,G,S) (Mrs J Offord) Mrs J Pitman 13-11-2 — G Bradley 90
4 RP33R3 GHOFAR 17 (B,CD,F,G,S) (D Tallon) D Elsworth 10-11-2 — H Davies 85

BETTING: 2-7 Cool Ground, 3-1 Garrison Savannah, 6-1 Cawies Clown, 20-1 Ghofar.

1992: KINGS FOUNTAIN 9-11-2 A Tory (4-6 fav) K Bailey 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

COOL GROUND 5¾l 3rd of 7 to Sibton Abbey in a conditions chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f, soft), with GARRISON SAVANNAH (same terms) 16l 5th. GARRISON SAVANNAH 17l 3rd of 6 to Cherrykino in conditions chase here (2m 5f, good), with CAWIES CLOWN (2lb better off) 10l 5th. GHOFAR 8l 3rd of 7 to Bold Cap in a handicap chase at Fontwell (3m 2f, good to soft). Last season, 4l 2nd of 5 to Toby Tobias in a conditions chase here (2m 5f, good to soft), with CAWIES CLOWN (8lb better off) 11½l 3rd. Selection: COOL GROUND

4.00 GEORGIE NEWALL NOVICES CHASE (£2,976: 2m) (9 runners)

1 433-F11 VIKING FLAGSHIP 7 (D,F,S) (Roach Foods Ltd) D Nicholson 6-12-0 — R Dunwoody [top]
2 11-1UF0 BILLY BATHGATE 73 (D,BF,F,S) (M Buckley) N Henderson 7-11-8 — J Osborne 87
3 F-1F433 MR JAMBOREE 15 (D,F,G) (Mrs D Lousada) J Gifford 7-11-8 — D Murphy 89
4 55-3421 ROCKET LAUNCHER 24 (D,S) (W O'Gorman) D Elsworth 7-11-8 — P Holley 82
5 D4-2142 THE SLATER 35 (CD,F,G,S) (Kinnersley Roofing Southern Ltd) W G M Turner 8-11-8 D Tegg 90
6 10-F023 KIBREET 13 (D,F,G,S) (D Simester) D Elsworth 6-11-2 — P Scudamore 90
7 2-P2U0R LA CIENAGA 17 (D,F,G) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 9-11-2 — A Maguire 93
8 40/0-P ONLY IN IRELAND 61 (J Reynolds) P Nicholls 7-11-2 — R Greene (3) —
9 P/P JUST A TRIFLE 14 (G Stickland) G Stickland 11-10-11 — Mr S Stickland —

BETTING: 5-4 Viking Flagship, 11-2 Kibreet, 6-1 Rocket Launcher, 7-1 The Slater, 8-1 Billy Bathgate, La Cienaga, 14-1 Mr Jamboree, 66-1 others.

1992: STORM ALERT 6-11-2 S McNeill (33-1) A Turnell 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

VIKING FLAGSHIP beat Antonin 15l in a 3-runner novice chase at Leicester (2m 1f, good to soft). BILLY BATHGATE's best form was when beating Shu Fly 2½l in a 7-runner novice chase at Kempton (2m, good to soft). MR JAMBOREE 20l 3rd of 4 to Alfaal in a novice chase at Ascot (2m, good to soft). ROCKET LAUNCHER beat Nabir 12l in a 9-runner novice chase at Plumpton (2m, soft). THE SLATER 12l 2nd of 14 to Dubacilla in a novice handicap chase at Taunton (2m 3f, soft). Selection: VIKING FLAGSHIP

4.30 MERE MAIDEN HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,372: 2m) (19 runners)

1 0053 BROUGHTON'S TANGO 19 (S Lansdown) M Hanton-Ellis 11-0 — S Keightley 84
2 P CHEREN BOY 9 (Mrs L Buckenfield) J Honeyball 11-0 — Miss T Honeyball (7) —
3 030 CHINAMAN 14 (B) (W Wightman) W Wightman 11-0 — R Beggan 82
4 32 FORMAL INVITATION 7 (The Plough Partnership) D Nicholson 11-0 — R Dunwoody 90
5 - FORTUNE STAR 132F (D Mellen) D Sherwood 11-0 — J Osborne —
6 P034 IMA RED NECK 24 (J Moore) J Moore 11-0 — A Charlton 88
7 423 IVOR'S FLUTTER 12 (BF) (W Perry) D Elsworth 11-0 — NON-RUNNER —
8 2U0354 MAESTROSO 19 (B) (Mrs T Dunbar) R Johnson Houghton 11-0 — A Maguire 88
9 P6 MR ZIEGFELD 14 (B) (Mrs M Rowe) R Baker 11-0 — W McFarland 63
10 F22 NIGHT CLUBBING 3 (BF) (Sheikh Essa Bin Mubarak) R Akehurst 11-0 — D Bridgwater [top]
11 - QUADRIREME 183F (W Stert) J Old 11-0 — T Grantham —
12 0 ROMAN ROMANY 23 (D Martin-Betts) J Gifford 11-0 — P Hide (5) —
13 DONIA 89F (F Gardiner) N Henderson 10-9 — J Kavanagh —
14 EURIDICE 168F (J Apllo) W G M Turner 10-9 — G Upton —
15 P0 MISTY VIEW 15 (M Pascall) J White 10-9 — B Clifford (3) —
16 MOON SPIN 122F (Mrs W Ham) W Ham 10-9 — R Farrant (5) —
17 6P3 SUPER SARENA 15 (Sarena Plastics) R Frost 10-9 — J Frost 85
18 P VANUATU 34 (Mrs J Ellis) T Thomson Jones 10-9 — C Llewellyn —
19 4 ZAMIRAH 16 (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 10-9 — P Scudamore —

BETTING: 5-2 Night Clubbing, 7-2 Formal Invitation, 5-1 Moon Spin, 8-1 Super Sarena, 12-1 Quadrireme, Donia, 14-1 Fortune Star, Maestroso, 16-1 Euridice, 25-1 Ima Red Neck, 33-1 others.

1992: VAL D'AUTHIE 4-11-0 P Scudamore (13-2) M Pipe 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

BROUGHTON'S TANGO 9l 3rd of 9 to Sharriba in a novice hurdle at Stratford last time out (2m, good to soft). FORMAL INVITATION 8l 2nd of 12 to Her Honour in a novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good). NIGHT CLUBBING 10l 2nd of 5 to Desert Force in a novice hurdle at Folkestone (2m 1f, good to soft). Previously, 2½l 2nd of 11 to Indian Quest in a novice hurdle at Kempton (2m, soft), with BROUGHTON'S TANGO over 30l 5th. SUPER SARENA 9¼l 3rd of 14 to Lemon's Mill in a maiden hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good), with MISTY VIEW over 20l 7th. Selection: NIGHT CLUBBING

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Pitman	24	64	37.5	M Pitman	14	34	41.2
M Pipe	31	112	27.7	P Scudamore	28	74	37.8
N Twiston-Davies	4	16	25.0	R Dunwoody	30	141	21.3
D Elsworth	22	95	23.2	J Osborne	12	65	18.5
O Sherwood	9	44	20.5	D Murphy	5	27	18.5
D Nicholson	13	66	19.7	H Davies	10	64	15.6

□ The Jockey Club is to re-examine its rules governing void races. The Waterloo Hurdle at Haydock in December, won by Mighty Mogul, had to be restarted when all four runners missed out an obstacle that had mistakenly been dolled off. Though no rules were broken, the stewards are "seriously concerned with the implications" and will consider whether such races should be declared void.

Trietline fined £1,500

CHRIS Trietline, the Stratford-upon-Avon trainer, was fined £1,500 by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee yesterday after one of his horses failed a dope test.

A urine sample taken from The Hidden City after the gelding had won the Hughes Caterers Selling Hurdle at Ludlow on November 19 was found to contain the prohibited substance isoxsuprine.

After considering statements from Trietline and other witnesses, the committee concluded that the source of the substance was the medication, Navilox, administered to the horse between October 28 and November 15.

Trietline admitted a breach of the Rules of Racing and The Hidden City was disqualified with the race being awarded to Alosaili, trained by Barry Stevens.

In a separate enquiry, RAM Racecourse, the owners of Wolverhampton, were fined £500 and Bob Davies, temporary clerk of the course, fined £150 for failing to ensure that at least two doctors were on duty an hour before the start of racing there on November 9.

In a third enquiry, Jonathan Fenwicke-Clennell, clerk of the course at Kelso, was fined £150 for inadequately briefing staff who incorrectly dolled off a fence at the October 3 meeting.

□ Tote Bookmakers are to operate Lingfield Park's new betting shop, which forms part of a £250,000 grandstand refurbishment. Hills have won the contract to operate the on-course betting shop at Newton Abbot and at Exeter.

Jawani takes to new role

JAWANI, twice a winner over extreme distances on the Flat last year, put up an impressive performance on his jumping debut when coasting to victory in the Tickhill Novices' Hurdle at Doncaster yesterday.

Trained by Jon Scargill at Newmarket, and owned by his wife, Sue, the 9-1 chance took over from the pacemaking High Plateau rounding the home turn and steadily pulled clear on the run-in to win by eight lengths from Wishing Gate.

"Jawani has schooled beautifully at home and won very well today," Mrs Scargill said. "The ground was perfect for him here and Jon thinks he is a horse with a future."



Scargill: promising debut victory with Jawani

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THUNDERER

1.40 Bridge Player. 2.10 Srivijaya. 2.40 Highbrook. 3.10 Choctaw. 3.40 My Lindianne. 4.10 Old Eros. 4.40 Doctor Dunklin.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

1.40 MIDDLEHAM NOVICES HURDLE (£1,778: 3m 1f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 -401 BISHOP'S TIPPLE 23 (G) T Carr 7-11-5 — N Smith
2 -52P BALLOO HOUSE 17 (V,F) Mrs P Sly 8-10-12 — L Wyer
3 00UP FEARLESS KING 68 E Robson 7-10-12 — K Johnson
4 40F4 GINGER PINK 21 J Johnson 7-10-12 — A Larnach (5)
5 -036 HERMES HARVEST 40 (V) D Williams 5-10-12 — J Duggan
6 P-00 ORTON HOUSE 16 J Charlton 6-10-12 — B Storey
7 -244 WAKASHAN 14 K Morgan 5-10-12 — A S Smith
8 653 BRIDGE PLAYER 23 D Moffatt 6-10-7 — D J Moffatt (5)
9 00 CELTIC LANE 13 Mrs A Swinbank 6-10-7 — Mr Chris Wilson
10 30 KINFAUNS DANCER 91 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-7 — P Niven
11 P/0- MADAM BEE 385 G Richards 9-10-7 — B Harding (7)

7-4 Wakashan, 7-2 Bishop's Tipple, 5-1 Ginger Pink, 6-1 Bridge Player, 8-1 Kinfauns Dancer, 10-1 Balloo House, 12-1 others.

2.10 LEYBURN NOVICES CHASE (£2,185: 2m) (5)

1 P/PPU BENGAIRN 69 (S) G Richards 10-11-2 — N Doughty
2 0306 KEEP SHARP 21 Mrs S Smith 7-11-2 — A Jones
3 3425 RUSTIC AIR 19 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-2 — M Dwyer
4 0283 SRIVIJAYA 12 (BF,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-2 — P Niven
5 0P04 NOTARIUS 23 J Wade 5-10-7 — K Jones

Evens Srivijaya, 7-4 Rustic Air, 8-1 Keep Sharp, 12-1 others.

2.40 WENSLEY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,925: 2m) (19)

1 0 EXPLORATION 23 K Morgan 6-11-4 — A S Smith
2 405 FELL WARDEN 12 J Heffens 5-11-4 — A Larnach (5)
3 GREAT HEIGHTS 83F J J O'Neill 6-11-4 — M Dwyer
4 JOHNS THE BOY G Richards 7-11-4 — N Doughty
5 -006 MARKED CARD 8 Mrs M Kendall 5-11-4 — Mrs M Kendall
6 WP0F MOSES JIM 13 (B) D Swindlehurst 10-11-4 — Mr D Swindlehurst
7 60-4 OWT ON 105 J Fort 6-11-4 — P Waggott (5)
8 FP SCARBA 12 D Garraton 5-11-4 — P Harley
9 03F0 DOLLY PRICES 12 W Smith 9-10-13 — N Stocks (7)
10 HIGHBROOK 110F M Tompkins 5-10-13 — S Smith Eccles
11 P LADYSBELOU 88 Mrs A Hamilton 5-10-13 — Mr R Hale (7)
12 P00 BARGEE 19 W Bentley 4-10-8 — T Reed
13 03 BOLD MOOD 8 J Birkett 4-10-8 — D Barry (7)
14 EVENING SESSION 363F J Norton 4-10-8 — Miss P Robson
15 0306 HIGH MIND 12 Miss L Siddall 4-10-8 — P Niven
16 3 KING'S GUEST 8 G Moore 4-10-8 — N Bentley (3)
17 06U OUR MAN IN HAVANA 12 Mrs A Swinbank 4-10-8 C Dennis (3)
18 F SURE TO WIN 19 J Carr 4-10-8 — J J Quinn
19 U0 SULAAH ROSE 48 Mrs J Jordan 4-10-3 — M Sharratt

2-1 Highbrook, 4-1 King's Guest, 5-1 Great Heights, 8-1 Johns The Boy, 10-1 Our Man In Havana, 12-1 Fell Warden, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Morgan, 6 winners from 19 runners, 31.6%; G Richards, 19 from 84, 22.6%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 20 from 98, 20.4%; J J O'Neill, 5 from 29, 17.2%; Mrs P Barker, 5 from 32, 15.6%; M Hammond, 6 from 40, 15.0%.

JOCKEYS: A S Smith, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%; M Dwyer, 27 from 106, 25.5%; N Doughty, 16 from 67, 23.9%; P Niven, 15 from 96, 15.6%; J Callaghan, 10 from 73, 13.7%; B Storey, 13 from 99, 13.1%.

3.10 PETER VAUX MEMORIAL TROPHY (Handicap chase: £2,709: 3m 1f 110yd) (6)

1 5P1F BAVARD BAY 8 (CD,S) G Richards 9-11-10 — B Storey
2 -5PP IN THE FASHION 85 (CD,F,G) Mrs H Bell 11-11-8 C Dennis (3)
3 -222 CHOCTAW 34 (C,F,G,S) P Beaumont 9-11-1 — Miss P Robson
4 1F58 CAROUSEL CALYPSO 16 (G,S) M Hammond 7-10-13 — P Niven
5 P505 ABSAILOR 16 (F) Mrs S Bradburne 9-10-12 — P Williams (7)
6 400P DIRECT INTEREST 97 (D,F,G,S) Denys Smith 10-10-12 — P Waggott (5)

2-1 Choctaw, 5-2 Bavard Bay, 4-1 Carousel Calypso, 6-1 Absailor, 10-1 Direct Interest, 20-1 In The Fashion.

3.40 RIPON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CLAIMING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,851: 2m) (13)

1 0600 STYLISH GENT 50 (CD,F,G) J Birkett 6-12-0 — D Barry (5)
2 /F5 SUM MEDE 5 (D) B Rothwell 6-11-10 — G Cahill (5)
3 2000 DAMART 12 (CD,F,G,S) Miss L Siddall 9-11-10 — D J Moffatt
4 P456 POLDER 10 (D,F) D Williams 7-11-2 — R Davis
5 0006 DRU RI'S BRU RI 8 (D) W Smith 7-11-1 — W Dwan
6 /00P ATHENE NOCTUA 9 R Hollinshead 8-10-13 — S Wynne
7 64P0 VERY EVIDENT 20F R O'Leary 4-10-12 — K Davies (5)
8 65-08 ILLOGICAL 10 (D,F) J Glover 6-10-9 — S D Williams
9 5605 BLUSHING GOLD 8 (B) Mrs J Jordan 4-10-9 — S Taylor
10 0040 ANFIELD SALLY 2 Mrs P Barker 7-10-7 — N Bentley
11 0155 MY LINDIANNE 15 (D,S) J Dooler 6-10-6 — P Midgley
12 42/60 AUGUST 16 (D,F) J Fort 12-10-5 — P Waggott
13 0-50 BOXING MATCH 8 J Bradley 6-10-0 — M Hourigan

4-1 Polder, 5-1 Dru Ri's Bru Ri, 6-1 Stylish Gent, 7-1 Sum Mede, 8-1 Damart, 10-1 Very Evident, 12-1 Boxing Match, My Lindianne, 14-1 others.

4.10 GRETA BRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,631: 2m) (9)

1 0403 ISLAND JETSETTER 17 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Smith 7-11-10 M Dwyer
2 6365 TRESIDDER 23 (CD,BF,F,G,S) M W Easterby 11-11-9 R Garritty
3 B3UF KIND'A SMART 26 (D,BF,F,G,S) K Morgan 8-11-7 — A S Smith
4 4212 SONSIE MO 23 (D,F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-5 P Williams (7)
5 5U66 SILVER HAZE 18 (D,F,S) J Wade 9-10-13 — K Jones
6 2013 RINGMORE 21 (CD,F,G,S) J Parkes 11-10-11 — N Smith
7 F10U AWKAS 12 (CD,G,S) G Moore 8-10-9 — J Callaghan
8 1/26- OLD EROS 502 (G,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-10-8 — P Niven
9 0424 GREAT POKEY 18 (B,D,F) A Comer 8-10-4 — A Orkney

11-4 Sonsie Mo, 7-2 Awkas, 4-1 Old Eros, 6-1 Island Jetsetter, 7-1 Tresidder, 10-1 Ringmore, Great Pokey, 14-1 others.

4.40 AYSGARTH NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,063: 2m) (10)

1 41 NORTHERN RARITY 15 J Norton 4-11-7 — W Fry (7)
2 0 INGLEBY FLYER 94 Mrs S Frank 5-11-5 — Mr P Atkinson
3 00 MISS VAGABOND 33 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-5 — F Leahy (7)
4 00 PIKE'S CAROLORRE 29 J Bradley 6-11-5 — M Hourigan (3)
5 0 DOCTOR DUNKLIN 23 S Norton 4-11-0 — R Davis (5)
6 KNOW-NO-NO M Hammond 4-11-0 — D Bentley (5)
7 LITTLE FREDDIE J Charlton 4-11-0 — D J Moffatt (5)
8 WOLF'S DEN P Spottiswood 4-11-0 — Mr D Scott
9 00 DEERS LEAP 13 R Woodhouse 4-10-9 — J Driscoll (7)
10 0 SKELTON LASS 15 J Parkes 4-10-9 — C Dennis (3)

3-1 Northern Rarity, 4-1 Miss Vagabond, 5-1 Know-No-No, 6-1 Doctor Dunklin, 8-1 Pike's Carolorre, 12-1 Deers Leap, Skelton Lass, 14-1 others.

□ City Kid gave Josh Gifford, the Findon trainer, his eighth winner in the last seven days when landing the EBF Novices' Chase at Folkestone yesterday. Gifford's former jockey, Richard Rowe, completed a double with Fotoexpress and Thuhool, taking his total for the season to 16.

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1.50 Stardust Express. 2.20 Rusty Reel. 2.50 Serious Action. 3.20 Coltrane. 3.50 Le Chic. 4.20 Arctic Guest.

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DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW TO MIDDLE NUMBERS BEST

1.50 GIRONDE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,282: 7f) (4 runners)

1 1223 GREENWICH CHALLENGE 9 (V,D,S) C Smith 8-8 D McCabe (7) 3
2 -221 STARDUST EXPRESS 14 (CD) M Johnston 8-7 Dean McKeown 1
3 1-45 PERSIAN GUSHER 19 (E,CD) S Dow 8-3 — A McGlone 2
4 -332 GENESIS FOUR 7 (B) J Jenkins 8-1 — B Doyle (5) 4

6-4 Stardust Express, 2-1 Greenwich Challenge, 5-2 Persian Gusher, 8-1 Genesis Four.

2.20 ALPINE MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,208: 1m 2f) (10)

1 -343 HALHAM TARN 7 (E) D Elsworth 9-0 — J Williams 1
2 065- MR GENEAOLOGY 129 R Johnson Houghton 9-0 A Tucker (3) 3
3 355- RUSTY REEL 161 C Brittain 9-0 — B Doyle (5) 2
4 2 SPANISH REFUGE 40 Lord Huntingdon 9-0 — Dean McKeown 4
5 6 VADOALLIAN 31 J Akehurst 9-0 — G Carter 6
6 0-03 WESTRAY 33 J Scargill 9-0 — J Quinn 9
7 APRIL IN KENTUCKY Mrs L Piggott 8-9 — G Milligan (7) 7
8 -442 ARAWA 14 D Marks 8-9 — M Hills 5
9 00-5 MEDAARAH 7 C C Elsey 8-9 — W Newnes 8
10 0-53 UMHAMBI 21 B Hills 8-9 — W Ryan 10

9-4 Umhambi, 4-1 Arawa, 9-2 Spanish Refuge, 6-1 Halham Tarn, 8-1 Westray, 10-1 Rusty Reel, 12-1 Mr Geneaology, 16-1 others.

2.50 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP (Amateurs: £3,054: 1m 5f) (16)

1 150- TYRRON DOON 7J (S) D Wintle 4-12-0 Miss S Broadley (5) 16
2 -302 DEBACLE 5 (G) G Harwood 4-11-11 — Miss A Harwood 3
3 5-06 BREEZED WELL 33 (F,G) B Cambidge 7-11-4 — Mrs H Noonan (5) 12
4 2-12 STRAT'S LEGACY 19 (CD,BF,F) D Arbuthnot 6-11-2 — Mrs D Arbuthnot (5) 13
5 4150 BEAM ME UP SCOTTY 7 (C) P Mitchell 4-11-2 — R Teal 1
6 000- SOLID STEEL 20J A Moore 5-10-8 — K Goble (5) 8
7 04-4 MILLY BLACK 48 J Akehurst 5-10-4 — Mrs J Gault (5) 10
8 -314 KOVALEVSKIA 10 (C,F,G,S) D Wilson 8-10-3 Miss L Hide (5) 6
9 005- PHIL-BLAKE 132J S Mellor 6-10-2 — Mrs Elain Mellor 5
10 0-30 TENAYESTELIGN 5 (G) D Marks 5-10-1 — Miss K Marks 14
11 -031 SERIOUS ACTION 7 (C) M Prescott 4-10-1 — Miss E Bronson 2
12 60/0 PARISIAN 35 J Bennett 8-10-1 — Miss A Purdy (5) 7
13 0-00 WRITTEN AGREEMENT 21 R Peacock 5-10-1 — Mrs C Peacock (5) 11
14 /00- ALBURY GREY 23J P McEntee 6-9-12 Miss Elaine Mills (5) 15
15 /06- MARIOLINO 18J P Leach 6-9-12 — Miss J Southcombe (5) 4
16 /00- ELECTROJET 115J (F) A Jones 5-9-7 Miss I Diana W Jones 9

5-2 Serious Action, 13-2 Strat's Legacy, 7-1 Kovalevskia, 8-1 Debacle, 10-1 Tenayestelign, 12-1 Beam Me Up Scotty, Breezed Well, Milly Black, 14-1 others.

3.20 DAILY STAR CHALLENGE HANDICAP (Qualifier: £2,905: 1m 2f) (12)

1 400- CAMDEN'S RANSOM 117 (E,CD,F) D Elsworth 6-10-0 — J Williams 8
2 01-5 COLTRANE 12 (V,CD,BF) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-13 — Dean McKeown 12
3 006- PARKING BAY 28J (B,F,S) G Pritchard-Gordon 6-9-7 — J Weaver (3) 7
4 3-21 SLIGHT RISK 23 (CD) P Kelleway 4-9-7 — G Bardwell 6
5 210- MISS DOODY 10J (V,C,D,F,G) P Hedger 4-9-3 — W Ryan 2
6 D0/4 STORM FREE 14 L Cottrell 7-8-9 — N Carlisle 11
7 20-6 TADORA 54 (C,G) C Benstead 4-8-9 — M Hills 4
8 450- GRAND HONDA 126 C Brittain 4-8-5 — B Doyle (5) 1
9 00-0 SPRING TO THE TOP 7 (G) C Nash 6-8-5 — S Drowne (7) 5
10 16-4 VA UTU 33 (CD,G) M Channon 5-8-3 — G Carter 9
11 000- LAMASTRE 10J (F) C Weedon 4-7-12 — N Adams 3
12 000/ DARK VISION 27J J King 4-7-7 — D Wright (7) 10

4-1 Slight Risk, 5-1 Coltrane, 7-1 Tadora, Va Utu, 8-1 Camden's Ransom, 12-1 Miss Doody, 16-1 Spring To The Top, 25-1 others.

3.50 SEINE HANDICAP (£3,806: 5f) (8)

1 2-53 CRECHE 5 (B,CD) Mrs N Macauley 4-10-0 — E Husband (7) 8
2 -234 RHYTHMIC DANCER 28 (CD,F) J Spearing 5-9-3 — Dean McKeown 2
3 8311 DAANIERA 5 (B,CD,F,S) P Howling 3-8-9 (7ex) — J Quinn 7
4 1-21 LUCAYAN TREASURE 6 (V,CD) D Loder 3-8-6 (7ex) — M Hills 4
5 040- MISDEMEANOURS GIRL 158 (C,D,G,S) M Channon 5-8-1 — B Doyle (5) 6
6 2313 EWALD 7 (CD,BF) M Johnston 5-7-13 — T Williams 3
7 4302 LE CHIC 7 (D,F) D Chapman 7-7-9 — S Wood 1
8 1000 HINARI VIDEO 10 (CD,G,S) M Johnston 8-7-8 — J Fanning 5

15-8 Lucayan Treasure, 5-1 Daaniera, 11-2 Le Chic, 7-1 Ewald, Rhythmic Dancer, 10-1 Misdemeanours Girl, 12-1 Hinari Video, 14-1 Creche.

4.20 RHONE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,820: 1m 2f) (6)

1 2-16 ABSOLUTELY FACT 19 (CD) C C Elsey 9-7 — W Newnes 4
2 3-13 KRYPTOS 19 (C) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 — Dean McKeown 5
3 -111 BRACKENTHWAITE 3 T Barron 8-6 (5ex) — Alex Greaves 2
4 6620 HUSH BABY 7 C Allen 7-13 — D Wright (7) 1
5 0-43 MEDLAND 28 A Denson 7-12 — J Quinn 3
6 0-01 ARCTIC GUEST 21 (CD,F) M Johnston 7-9 — T Williams 6

2-1 Arctic Guest, 3-1 Brackenthwaite, 7-2 Kryptos, 5-2 Medland, 6-1 Absolutely Fact, 20-1 Hush Baby.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: B Hills, 21 winners from 62 runners, 33.9%; Lord Huntingdon, 11 from 38, 28.9%; M Prescott, 15 from 67, 22.4%; M Johnston, 16 from 73, 21.9%; T Barron, 8 from 39, 20.5%; G Harwood, 4 from 21, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 10 winners from 48 rides, 20.8%; Dean McKeown, 25 from 131, 19.1%; M Hills, 26 from 155, 16.8%; W Ryan, 21 from 143, 14.7%; J Williams, 43 from 321, 13.4%; B Doyle, 13 from 101, 12.9%.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Trafalgar House Supreme Novices' Hurdle, Cheltenham: Shawiya, Wally's Run. Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle, Cheltenham: Law Bridge. Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup: Jamalade. All engagements (dead): Beyond Suspicion, Irish Native, Alton Bay.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Warwick

Going: good

2.00 (3m 2f ch) 1, RANDOM PLACE (Mr I Pocock, 100-1); 2, Just Patrimony (Mr D Duggan, 7-2); 3, Ocean Day (Mr R H Brown, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Royal Day (4th), 13-2 Tumbril (pu), 7 Kilknockin (pu), 10 Konrad Wolf (pu), 20 Milbird (6th), 50 Lean On Me (5th), 100 Alenemy (pu), Wibble-Wabble (ur). 11 ran. NR: Double Silk. ½l, 15l, 3½l, dist, 7l. Mrs R Pocock at Bridgwater. Tote: £53.40; £13.60, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £203.50. CSF: £388.41.

2.30 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, FLAKEY DOVE (D Tegg, 6-5 fav: Thunderer's nap); 2, Lift And Load (D Murphy, 9-4); 3, Bollin William (L Wyer, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 10 Bishops Island (4th). 4 ran. NR: Katti. 5l, 8l, 5l. R Price at Leominster. Tote: £2.00. DF: £1.70. CSF: £4.18.

3.00 (3m 2f ch) 1, BARTON BANK (R Dunwoody, 2-11 fav); 2, Ardcroney Chief (J Osborne, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Letterfore (pu). 3 ran. NR: Superior Finish. Dist. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting. Tote: £1.20. DF: £2.00. CSF: £2.44.

3.30 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, TRAINGLOT (M Dwyer, 2-7 fav); 2, Raymylette (R Dunwoody, 9-1); 3, River Island (T Grantham, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Mad Thyme (f). 4 ran. NR: Royal Piper. 4l, 15l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £1.20; £1.30. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.33.

4.00 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, SMARTIE EXPRESS (R Dunwoody, 6-4 fav); 2, Sirrah Jay (M Dwyer, 7-1); 3, Change The Act (J Osborne, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 5 Fu's Lady (4th), 11-2 Plat Reay (5th), 66 Frampton House (6th). 6 ran. NR: Plastic Spaceage. 7l, 3l, 30l, 3½l, dist. R Hodges at Somerton. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £2.80. DF: £7.20. CSF: £11.18.

4.30 (2m hdle) 1, JURZ (R Dunwoody, Evens fav: Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Street Kid (Mr G Johnson Houghton, 3-1); 3, Free Justice (K Brown, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Crystal Bear (4th), 20 Most Interesting (f). 5 ran. 5l, 20l, 5l. R Hodges at Somerton. Tote: £1.50; £1.40, £1.90. DF: £2.70. CSF: £4.26.

5.00 (2m hdle) 1, DONNA'S TOKEN (Mr J L Llewellyn, 16-1); 2, On The Line (N Mann, 9-2); 3, Uturu (J Kavanagh, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 8-11 fav Doradus (5th), 15-2 Persian Sword, 10 Aedean (6th), 12 Lucky Blue (4th), 66 Ten Deep, Gemdoublelyou (pu), Fairfield's Breeze. 10 ran. 7l, 3l, 4l, 5l, 2l. R Brown at Abergavenny. Tote: £21.90; £2.70, £1.90, £3.00. DF: £41.90. CSF: £81.80. Tricast: £1,323.65.

Placepot: £32.30.

Doncaster

Going: firm (good to firm in places).

2.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, JAWANI (P Niven, 9-1); 2, Wishing Gate (C Grant, 10-11 fav); 3, La Fontainbleau (Mr A Rebori, 100-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 High Plateau (5th), 10 Lenthall Fox (pu), 14 Merry Maggie, 25 Tea-Lady (6th), 40 Tom Towley (4th), 50 Master D Dee, 66 Sophini. 10 ran. 8l, 4l, ¾l, ½l, 3l. J Scargill at Newmarket. Tote: £7.90; £1.20, £1.30, £12.70. DF: £6.70. CSF: £16.87.

2.45 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, FAMILY LINE (L O'Hara, 6-5 fav); 2, Hallo Mam (J Driscoll, 4-1); 3, Charlycia (A Orkney, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Lara's Baby (4th), 20 Reza (5th), 33 Ten High (6th). 6 ran. 3l, 8l, 3l, 2l, dist. Miss L Perratt at Ayr. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £2.30. DF: £6.20. CSF: £5.93.

3.20 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, CASTLE KING (C Grant, 2-1); 2, Space Fair (A Maguire, Evens fav); 3, Clever Folly (N Doughty, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 100 Eddies Well (4th). 4 ran. 2½l, 30l, 2½l. P Cheesbrough at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £2.80. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.99.

3.50 (3m ch) 1, FEDNEYHILL (Mr A Sansome, 5-2); 2, Royal Approval (Miss D Stanhope, 2-1 fav); 3, Rhu Na Haven (Mr C Barlow, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Lastofthevikings (ur), 9 Linebacker (5th), 12 Iveagh Lad (4th), 14 Dolitino (6th), 33 Charlie McCarthy (pu), 50 Jump (pu), Plan Of Attack, Warrior's Promise (pu), 66 Mr Brisket (pu). 12 ran. ½l, 7l, 2½l, 8l, 5l. Miss C Saunders at Northampton. Tote: £3.30; £1.60, £1.40, £3.20. DF: £3.50. CSF: £7.24.

4.20 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, GOOD FOR A LOAN (A Maguire, 11-4); 2, Avro Anson (D Byrne, 7-4 fav); 3, Saffaah (G McCourt, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Qualitair Sound (6th), 7 Seon (4th), 10 Simone's Son (5th), 50 Demokos. 7 ran. Hd, 10l, 1l, 8l, 2½l. R Lee at Presteigne. Tote: £3.90; £2.50, £1.50. DF: £4.30. CSF: £7.72.

4.50 (3m ch) 1, KUSHBALOO (B Storey, 1-9 fav). ALSO RAN: 10 Precious Memories (fell), 16 Jimmy O'Dee (f). 3 ran. C Parker at Lockerbie. Tote: £1.20. CSF: £1.00. DF (winner with any other): £1.10.

5.20 (2m 110yd flat) 1, NATIVE FIELD (W Dwan, 5-1); 2, Emperor Buck (W Marston, 8-1); 3, River Lossie (Mr T Jenks, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 3 Strong Flame (6th), 7 Murphys Way, 8 Cunninghams Ford (4th), 14 Highest Mountain, 16 Arctic Red, 20 Auburn Castle (5th), Fernbridge, Kelly The Buck, Sang De Fleur, 25 Just Woody, Major Nova, Pywacket. 15 ran. NR: Dynamite Dan, Far View, Mac's Boy. ½l, 7l, hd, 1½l, 2½l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £8.40; £1.90, £3.20, £2.00. DF: £31.70. CSF: £50.56.

Placepot: £23.60.

Folkestone

Going: good (good to soft in places)

1.40 (2m 1f 110yd) 1, FOTOEXPRESS (Mr C Burnett-Wells, 11-4); 2, Spuffington (E Murphy, 7-1); 3, Old Bridge (S McNeill, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Balzac Boy, 5 Ask The Governor (4th), 33 Bruce Buckley (6th), 50 Balmy Breeze (5th), Kings Hatch. 8 ran. Nk, nk, 15l, 10l, ¾l. R Rowe at Pulborough. Tote: £3.60; £1.20, £1.80, £1.30. DF: £18.20. CSF: £20.03.

2.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, CITY KID (P Hide, 9-2); 2, Ready Or Not (D Fortt, 14-1); 3, Prince's Court (S McNeill, 15-8). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Howaryadoon (4th), 16 Singing Spear (ur), 50 Ashmae (f), Clonmacogue (pu). 7 ran. ¾l, 2½l, dist. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £4.90; £2.30, £3.20. DF: £22.20. CSF: £50.60.

2.40 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, MENEBUCK (Mr Andrew Llangston, 16-1); 2, Pharoah's Guest (D Bridgwater, 5-2); 3, Gallant Effort (W McFarland, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Mr Matt (su), 6 Suren (5th), 14 Madita (pu), 33 Impale (pu), March Above (4th). 8 ran. 2l, 8l, 3l, 15l. Lady Herries at Littlehampton. Tote: £21.40; £3.40, £1.50, £1.30. DF: £25.50. CSF: £55.24. Tricast: £125.88.

3.10 (3m 2f) 1, THAMESDOWN TOOTSIE (G Upton, 11-4); 2, Popeswood (Peter Hobbs, 12-1); 3, Pamber Priory (G Rowe, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Miss Fern (5th), 5 Moze Tidy (6th), 13-2 Thats The Business (pu), 20 Knox's Corner (pu), 25 Another Troup (4th). 8 ran. 2½l, 8l, sh hd, 30l, dist. A Jones at Eastbury. Tote: £4.20; £1.50, £1.70, £1.10. DF: £17.30. CSF: £31.78. Tricast: £95.09.

3.40 (2m 5f ch) 1, MOUNT EATON FOX (Mr J Trice-Rolph, 100-30); 2, Starlap (Mr C Gordon, 9-4); 3, Magical Morris (Mr P Hacking, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Brown Baby (4th), 8 Lady's Day (pu), 16 Majestic Ride (pu), 20 Giovanni (f), 25 Prince Kaser (pu), Raggle (pu). 9 ran. ½l, 1½l, dist. P Henderson at Southampton. Tote: £6.60; £2.10, £2.00, £1.30. DF: £9.40. CSF: £12.48.

4.10 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, THUHOOL (Mr C Burnett-Wells, 13-8 jt-fav); 2, Jarzon Dancer (D Bridgwater, 13-8 jt-fav); 3, St Athans Lad (G Crone, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Lady Bunting (6th), 25 Dovehill (4th), 40 Lalheen (5th). 6 ran. 3½l, 5l, 4l, 2l, 15l. R Rowe at Pulborough. Tote: £2.40; £1.60, £1.70. DF: £2.70. CSF: £4.98.

Placepot: £25.50.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.25 (2m hdle) 1, Chadwick's Ginger (L Harvey, Evens fav); 2, Paper Clip (4-1); 3, Rising Tempo (3-1). 9 ran. NR: Barcham. 10l, dist. B Morgan. Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £1.80, £1.10. DF: £8.70. CSF: £5.99.

2.55 (2m hdle) 1, Mrs Jawleyford (S Wynne, 7-4 fav); 2, Jamestown Boy (6-1); 3, Scarlet Express (5-2). 4 ran. Dist, dist. C Smith. Tote: £3.30. DF: £5.30. CSF: £9.96.

3.25 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Blue Disc (S Wynne, 11-4); 2, Solid (2-1 fav); 3, Storm Warrior (20-1). 10 ran. 8l, 1l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £2.90; £1.90, £2.00, £1.70. DF: £3.70. CSF: £9.92.

3.55 (3m hdle) 1, Druso (J A Harris, 8-1); 2, Carfax (6-1); 3, Alias Silver (5-1 jt-fav). Hawwar, Coxann & Locherra 5-1 jt-favs. 10 ran. 2l, ½l. R Marvin. Tote: £8.50; £1.50, £2.30, £2.40. DF: £52.70. CSF: £51.83. Tricast: £242.88.

4.25 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Munir (J A Harris, 1-4 fav); 2, Fettle Up (9-1); 3, Fling In Spring (9-1). 5 ran. 12l, 1½l. J Harris. Tote: £1.20; £1.10, £2.20. DF: £3.30. CSF: £3.32.

4.55 (2m flat) 1, Niyaka (Mr D McCain, 6-1); 2, The Changeling (4-5 fav); 3, Armateur (9-2). 9 ran. NR: Plum Line. 12l, ½l. J H Wilson. Tote: £14.40; £3.00, £1.10, £1.30. DF: £6.70. CSF: £13.05.

Placepot: £25.20.

□ The Suluk Selling Hurdle, named after Reg Hollinshead's Southwell specialist, went to the same trainer's Blue Disc yesterday. Suluk, the winner of 17 races at the track, was denied the opportunity to contest his own race as he is recovering from injury.

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Brazilian football still dancing to fading beat

David Miller, in the second of two articles, on a team building for the future but mindful of its glorious past

IAN STEWART



Holding on to a dream: David Platt has his hands full as Brazil's breathtaking ball skills put England on the rack during the 1-1 draw at Wembley last May

Poetry in motion. This may be a cliché, but it is reality in summertime on Copacabana Beach. Nowhere else do you find boys playing frisbee and catching the still-spinning disc with their foot or knee, or "passing" it in mid-flight with a flick of the forehead. Spontaneous exhibitionism is a way of Brazilian life.

So it is on the football field. Relative failure in the World Cup brings anguish, shootings and suicides. Nowhere else does football so express the soul of the people.

Last week, against the tactically superior Argentina in Buenos Aires, Brazilians were attempting skills I had not seen in nine World Cup tournaments. Bebeto was taking passes on the turn, simultaneously dragging and chipping the ball a foot high, so that it would pass above the instantaneous tackle from behind. If Bebeto's legs could ride the tackle, then the ball was free.

He and Raí, Careca and Valdo were constantly dribbling at opponents and *through* the oncoming tackle, gathering the deflected ball with quicksilver reflexes, the way Pelé used to do. The sight of Celio Silva dribbling round three opponents in his own penalty area before clearing would have brought a nostalgic gleam to the eye of Sir Matt Busby, who used to do likewise in the Thirties.

There is truly no team like Brazil. To have drawn against a formidable Argentina side was an exceptional performance. The Brazilian press raged afterwards in disappointment. Carlos Parreira, the manager, was happy nonetheless. "Against what is probably at present the best team in the world, in our first game of the season, I think the result was OK," Parreira said, "especially when our midfield did not have a good day. The midfield is the lungs of a team, but if they don't coordinate, the team doesn't move well. We're not worried. We'll get in real shape when we have the time. What mattered was the strength of personality to come back from one down."

The most colourful football nation is tormented by not having won the World Cup in five tournaments over 20 years: fourth, third, then eliminated in the second round, twice, and quarter-finals in the last three tournaments in which they could and should have reached the final. Defeat by a late, single goal against Argentina in Turin two years ago was less galling because Brazil had dominated the first 80 minutes than because they had betrayed their heritage by using, of all things, a sweeper. Back home, they burned effigies of Sebastião Lazaroni, the manager.

Fifteen months later, after the brief reign of Falcão, Parreira, the former physical training coach of the 1970 winning team, was appointed. He feels it is his destiny to revive the old glories in the finals in the United States next year.

"We believe we'll only be successful again if we go back to our roots," he said. "There have been many changes in the game in 20 years; every Continent has its own school. Ours has to be retained: our unique skills, our natural rhythm, our zonal marking, our possession game. In the last few years we became confused, using power instead of technique. We must return to creativity, to fantasy, to players' freedom."

He leans back in his chair at the CBF (national federation) offices and fondly relives the second goal against France in Paris last year, by Luiz Henrique: 16 passes without the French getting a sniff of the ball.

That was something from the past. So, he considers, was the 1-1 draw at Wembley, when Brazil flowed. Parreira's record in 18 months is 14-10-2-2 (the defeats home and away to Argentina without his European players).

Parreira believes that a sweeper and man-for-man marking limits a team; that it conditions them to the other team's tactics. With an old-fashioned flat back four, used in the 12 years of victory, quick defenders have more chance for interception instead of tackling, more chance to play one-touch passes for the rapid development of attack.

I went to watch Vasco de Gama against Bangu in the Rio league at Maracana. Both sides appeared at times to be playing a sweeper, yet my eyes deceived me. "Not really," Carlos Alberto, captain of the 1970 side, said. "One of the centre backs is always covering the flank where the ball is, making it seem like a sweeper, while the other centre back is marking. It requires rapid thought and movement."

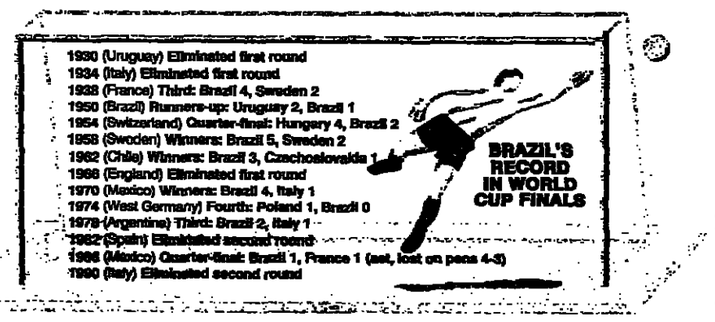
Parreira's first target is the qualifying tournament against Bolivia, Venezuela, Ecuador and Uruguay between July and September, with two to qualify. "We had no time to adjust to the *libero* system in '90 [under Lazaroni], and I know that I don't have time," he said. "That is a huge philosophical change, so we will play the way we know. With what we know, we can succeed."

In spite of the financial collapse of the Brazilian league, Brazil continues to produce outstanding players. But for how long? "In the final analysis, you need more than spirit to win the World Cup, you need quality," Parreira said. "We are now, I am convinced, at the right moment."

Brazil's gift to football is immeasurable. It is in all our interest that they should triumph next year.



Boys from Brazil: youngsters play on the Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro



IN BRIEF

Johnson to miss showpiece in Toronto

Ben Johnson has been left out of Canada's team for the world indoor athletics championships in Toronto next month.

He withdrew from the Canadian championships last weekend and Bruny Surin and Derrick Sutherland, who finished first and second over 60 metres, were selected.

Johnson, 31, injured a hamstring on February 10 in Belgium, having earlier this season approached the world record for 50 metres.

Expensive decision

American football: Brian Bosworth, the former Seattle Seahawk, has won an injury insurance case against Lloyd's of London that could be worth nearly $7 million (£4.8 million). A jury accepted that Bosworth's retirement was caused by injury and not arthritis, as the insurance company had argued, and found that he should receive $5.1 million in disability insurance which, with interest, should reach nearly $7 million.

The Dallas Cowboys, who won Super Bowl XXVII last month, will be one of the sides in the eighth American Bowl, at Wembley on August 8.

Third dimension

Motor racing: Ron Dennis, the managing director of McLaren, said in an interview published yesterday that if there were ever fewer than 26 cars on the starting grid, he might race three cars, including one driven by Ayrton Senna, the former world champion, in this season's Formula One grands prix.

☐ Fisa, the international governing body, meets in Paris today and is expected to reveal a final blueprint of reforms and plans to determine the future of world motor sport. The two new rules most likely to be modified concern the number of sets of tyres allowed at a grand prix and limitations on the use of spare cars.

Pass problem

Sports politics: The first visit by Chinese sports teams to Taiwan was in danger of cancellation yesterday after the Bureau of Entry and Exit cancelled visas for Yang Boyong and Lu Xianwu, the team leaders, respectively, of the Liaoning province men's and Hebei province women's basketball teams.

Sinner saints

Rugby league: St Helens have fined several unnamed first-team players for a breach of club discipline and warned them about their future conduct, after they visited a local night club last Thursday against instructions.

Maclagan through

Tennis: Miles Maclagan, the Wimbledon junior semi-finalist, survived a warning and a point penalty to beat Lionel Barthez, of France, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the first round of the LTA satellite tournament at Telford.

ROWING

Oxford pacesetters maintain hold in untroubled waters

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

ORIEL and Somerville comfortably rowed over at the head of the men's and women's first divisions, respectively, on the opening day of the Oxford University torpids yesterday. Both were several lengths clear, of Brasenose and New College, the nearest challengers, at the University Boathouse, and were so superior that they are unlikely to be seriously challenged in the next three days.

In the Cambridge Lent races, Trinity Hall rowed over, but for the time being a technical bump changed the headship of the women's. Lady Margaret had to concede when a rigger, damaged in an accident on the way to the start, could not be replaced, even though the race was delayed by 15 minutes.

Oxford

Men

Results

FIRST DIVISION: Pembroke bpd Christ Church; University bpd New College; Magdalen bpd New College; Worcester bpd Balliol, St Edmund Hall bpd Hertford.

SECOND DIVISION: St Edmund Hall bpd St Catherine's; Lincoln bpd Keble, Queen's bpd, St Peter's, Exeter bpd St Peter's; Jesus bpd St Peter's, Christ Church II bpd Trinity.

THIRD DIVISION: Worcester II bpd Corpus Christi, Mansfield bpd Corpus Christi.

FOURTH DIVISION: Mansfield bpd St Catherine's II, Pembroke II bpd St Catherine's II, St Edmund Hall II bpd Lincoln II; Linacre bpd Lincoln II; Exeter II bpd St John's II; Keble II bpd St John's II, Queen's II bpd Lady M Hall II; Wadham II bpd Hertford II.

FIFTH DIVISION: Magdalen II bpd Worcester III; St Peter's II bpd Oriel V, St John's III bpd Queen's III; Keble III bpd Queen's III, St Anne's II bpd Queen's III; St Benet's Hall bpd Queen's III

Starting order

FIRST DIVISION: Oriel, Brasenose, Pembroke, Christ Church, University, New, Magdalen, Oriel II, Worcester, Balliol, Lady Margaret Hall, St Edmund Hall.

SECOND DIVISION: Hertford, St Catherine's, Lincoln, Keble, Wadham, Wolfson, St John's, Jesus, Exeter, Queen's, St Peter's, Christ Church II.

Women

Results

FIRST DIVISION: Osler House bpd Wadham; University bpd Wolfson; St Catherine's bpd Wolfson; Pembroke bpd Wolfson; Worcester bpd Brasenose; Christ Church bpd Worcester.

SECOND DIVISION: Christ Church bpd St Anne's; Oriel bpd Keble; Exeter bpd St Hugh's; Somerville II bpd St Hugh's; Jesus bpd Exeter; Lincoln bpd Somerville II

THIRD DIVISION: Lincoln bpd St Edmund Hall; Merton bpd Linacre; Queen's bpd Linacre; Osler House II bpd Oriel II; Wadham II bpd Pembroke II.

Starting order

FIRST DIVISION: Somerville, New College, Osler House, Wadham, University, St Catherine's, Pembroke, Wolfson, St Hugh's, Lady Margaret Hall, Christ Church, Worcester.

Cambridge

Men

Results

FIRST DIVISION: Downing bpd Jesus; Lady Margaret bpd 1st and 3rd Trinity, Queens' bpd Churchill; Selwyn bpd Magdalene, Christ's bpd Clare.

SECOND DIVISION: Downing II bpd 1st and 3rd Trinity II; Girton bpd Caius II; Corpus Christi bpd Pembroke II; Clare II bpd Selwyn II; Magdalene II bpd Jesus III.

THIRD DIVISION: LMBC III bpd Queens' II; Fitzwilliam II bpd Peterhouse II, Churchill III bpd Veterinary School; Darwin bpd 1st and 3rd Trinity III; LMBC IV bpd Magdalene III.

FOURTH DIVISION: Trinity Hall III bpd St Catherine's II; Selwyn III bpd Wolfson; CCAT overbpd Queens' III; Robinson II bpd King's II; Christ's III bpd Caius III; Hughes Hall bpd Downing III; Sidney Sussex II bpd Homerton

FIFTH DIVISION: Corpus Christi III bpd St Edmund's Hall; Queens' IV bpd Theological Colleges; St Catharine's III bpd Emmanuel III, Girton III bpd Magdalene IV, Trinity Hall IV bpd Clare IV; Downing IV bpd CCAT II; St Catharine's IV bpd LMBC V.

Starting order

FIRST DIVISION: Trinity Hall, Downing, Jesus, Pembroke, Caius, LMBC, 1st and 3rd Trinity, Emmanuel, Queens', Churchill, Selwyn, Magdalene, Christ's, Clare, St Catharine's, Fitzwilliam

SECOND DIVISION: Robinson, Jesus II, LMBC II, Downing II, 1st and 3rd Trinity II, Peterhouse, Girton, Caius II, Corpus Christi, Pembroke II, Sidney Sussex, King's, Trinity Hall, Clare II, Selwyn II, Magdalene II

THIRD DIVISION: Jesus III, LMBC III, Queens' II, Emmanuel II, Fitzwilliam II, Peterhouse II, Churchill II, Clare III, Girton III, Christ's II, Corpus Christi II, Churchill III, Veterinary School, Darwin, 1st and 3rd Trinity III, LMBC IV.

Women

Results

FIRST DIVISION: Emmanuel bpd LMBC; Jesus bpd Newnham; Selwyn overbpd Caius; Trinity Hall bpd Clare; St Catharine's bpd Downing; Sidney Sussex bpd Robinson; Christ's bpd Pembroke.

SECOND DIVISION: Magdalene bpd Jesus II; LMBC II bpd Fitzwilliam, Newnham II bpd CMABC; CCAT bpd Clare II.

THIRD DIVISION: Wolfson bpd Churchill II; Darwin bpd Hughes Hall; Caius II bpd St Catherine's II, Homerton II bpd Corpus Christi II; Caius bpd Jesus III, Emmanuel III bpd Jesus IV.

NOTE: Peterhouse withdrew from the second division before racing, enabling Emmanuel III to be introduced as a new bottom crew.

Starting order

FIRST DIVISION: Emmanuel, LMBC, Jesus, Newnham, Queens', Selwyn, Trinity Hall, Clare, Caius, New Hall, Churchill, St Catharine's, Downing, Sidney Sussex, Robinson, Girton, Christ's

BOWLS

Corsie denies King his crowning glory

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

NEWCOMERS are expected to struggle on the portable rink at the Preston Guild Hall but Mervyn King, a self-employed pest controller from Norfolk, held his own for most of a five-set quarter-final before losing to Richard Corsie in the Midland Bank world indoor singles championship yesterday. King even held a match lie before Corsie, twice the champion, edged home 5-7, 7-1, 5-7, 7-6, 7-6.

The 40-yard-long rink is built from 90 wooden pallets that are covered in plywood. Green carpet is laid over a special underlay that helps determine the speed of the green. The riggers who erect it overnight check it with lasers then correct the levels using beermats or bits of newspaper — a charming mixture of hi-tech and improvisation.

Being hollow, the rink emphasises any bump on delivery and competitors say that grounding their bowls at Preston needs a more careful delivery than in any of the 300 indoor clubs in England, where the carpet is usually laid on a concrete base.

Just as intimidating is the sense of theatre invoked by the proximity of rows of spectators each side of the rink, the bright lights and television cameras. No wonder players suffer first-night nerves.

King, who had dispatched Bill Boettger, of Canada, and Mike Nicolle, of Guernsey, on his way to the quarter-finals, opened with a treble and won the first set 7-5. He faltered briefly, allowing Corsie to take the second 7-1 but played a superb trail to win the third set with another treble.

Corsie, however, fought back with spirit and skill. Keen to win the title for the third time, he pipped King 7-6 in the fourth set but fell 6-1 in arrears in the decider.

King majestically imposed his authority on each of the next three ends only to see Corsie save the match with his last bowl every time.

It was only in the last end, at 6-6, that the occasion got the better of King, who bowled through three times and was narrow with his final delivery. "It went all right," King said in his Norfolk drawl. "I'm quite happy but I'd have been a lot happier if I'd won."

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YACHTING

Group 4 Securitas retains 20-mile lead at halfway

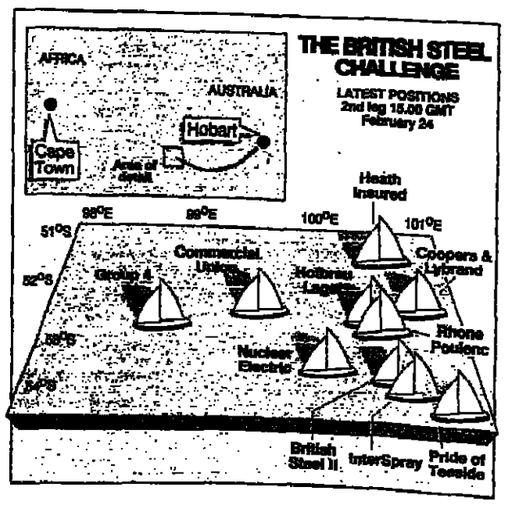
BY BARRY PICKTHALL

MIKE Golding and his crew aboard Group 4 Securitas were maintaining a 20-mile lead over the British Steel Challenge race fleet yesterday as the ten yachts reached the halfway stage between Hobart and the Kerguelen Islands, the rocky outcrop deep in the Indian Ocean that all must pass before heading on to Cape Town.

With the exception of Group 4, the other yachts are racing almost line abreast across a 180-mile band between latitudes 51° and 54° south and finding the going rough.

On board Heath Insured, crewman, Adrian Rayson, reported: "We have been crashing along for several days in 30 knot winds and confused seas."

Peter Phillips, the skipper of Rhone-Poulenc, reported: "Moving through the cabin, I lost my footing as the boat lurched, and struck my head. I was wearing specs and the frames broke. A piece jabbed into my face close to my right eye. There was a lot of blood but no real damage — I'm hard-headed."



LEADING POSITIONS (at 15:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Cape Town): 1, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 3,558 miles; 2, Commercial Union (R Merryweather), 3,588; 3, Nuclear Electric (J Chasenden), 3,600; equal 4, Holsten Lager (P Gesse) and Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 3,609; 6, British Steel II (R Tudor), 3,618; 7, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 3,628; 8, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 3,628; 9, Interspray (P Jeffs), 3,631; 10, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 3,646.

☐ Enza New Zealand, the 85ft catamaran in which Robin Knox-Johnston and Peter Blake are trying to sail around the world in 80 days, covered 477 miles of the Southern Ocean yesterday.

The 24-hour run helped to pull back 150 miles on the French catamaran, Comodore Explorer, skippered by Bruno Peyron.

Olivier de Kersauson has abandoned his attempt to sail the world in 80 days because repairs to a damaged float on his trimaran, Charal, will take 10 to 12 days.

نسخة من الأصل

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (79903) **7.00 Breakfast News** (83083941)
9.05 Kilroy Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (7656926) **9.45 Ross King**. Game show (s) (6053632)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (9555800) **10.05 Playdays.** For the very young (s) (6442670)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (10656309)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Judi Spiers's guests are Robert Powell and Roy Barraclough, stars of a new musical version of *Sherlock Holmes* (s) (7320835) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (98112106)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (13274)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (87632564) **1.50 First Letter First.** Word game show hosted by Don Maclean (87636380)
2.15 Film: Where the Lilies Bloom (1974). Attractive family drama about four Appalachian children trying to keep their their father's death a secret from the authorities, fearing that they will be taken into care and split up. Starring Julie Gholson and Harry Dean Stanton. Directed by William A. Graham (633583)
3.50 Rupert. Animation (r) (3046090) **3.55 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams.** Musical series (s) (8462854) **4.10 Jackanory.** Cathy Tyson with the first of a two-part story *The Princess Watch*, by Bernard Ashley (3832496) **4.30 The New Yogi Bear Show** (r) (8654651) **4.35 Dizzy Heights.** Comedy series set in a *Fawlty Towers*-type seaside hotel. (Ceefax) (s) (3804729) **4.55 Newsround** (3334729) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (8670699)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (581922). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey and Jennie Bond. (Ceefax) Weather (598)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (390). Northern Ireland. Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Tony Dortie (s) (9212)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (274)



Thirsty work: a raccoon breaks from scavenging (8.00pm)

8.00 Wildlife On One: Backstreet Bandits.
● CHOICE: Karen Bass's irresistible film from a previous series tells how the raccoon, normally a woodland animal, has made itself at home in the big cities of the United States and Canada. It is also a nocturnal animal, which presented a formidable challenge for the camera team. This was triumphantly met. In superb footage we see raccoons plundering garbage cans, digging up lawns for worms, taking shelter in attics and chimneys and crossing Washington DC by way of the sewer network. Some householders regard raccoons as a nuisance and try to keep them out. Others give in. A woman in Toronto has been feeding them in her living room for 25 years. But the film rightly warns against getting too sentimental about those intelligent and resourceful creatures, who do much damage and can carry rabies. (Ceefax) (s) (5632)
8.30 Side by Side. Richard Ommanney's benign comedy series starring Gareth Hunt and Louisa Rix as neighbours with nothing in common except their party wall. (Ceefax) (s) (4767)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (4125)
9.30 Chef: The Big Cheese. Lenny Henry stars as imperious chef Gareth Blackstock, this week urging his kitchen staff to greater things when he learns that Albert Roux is coming for lunch. (Ceefax) (s) (24729)
10.00 Question Time chaired by Peter Sissons. The guests include MPs Sir George Young and Kate Hoey (5106). Northern Ireland: Spotlight 10.30 Question Time
11.00 Law and Order. Ben Stone is faced with a dilemma when three men are shot dead. All were homosexuals, dying from Aids, and wanted the killer to help them die (r) (s) (106598). Northern Ireland: 11.30 This Country's Rockin'
11.45 Call To Prayer. The first of a new series in which Muslims talk about their faith (165903)
12.00 Weather (7840510). Ends at **12.05am**. Northern Ireland: 12.20-12.35 Call to Prayer
2.15-2.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (43779) **3.00-4.00 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update** (25249)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Understanding Space and Time — Mr Galileo Was Correct (4104212) **7.10** Rural Life 1. Image and Reality (7410721) **7.35** Technology: Strike a Light (4441632)
8.00 Breakfast News (5066564)
8.15 Westminster. A round-up of news from both Houses (2395816)
9.00 Daytime On Two. Educational programmes including, for children, **9.45 You and Me** (6051274) **1.20 The Adventures of Spot** (44011038) **1.25 Brum** (48142187) **1.35 Dilly the Dinosaur** (90107816)
2.00 News and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (51343019) **2.15 Advice Shop.** Welfare and public services advice, presented by Helen Madden and Andrew Miller (9284962)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7797274) followed by **Westminster Live.** Prime minister's questions, introduced by Iain Macwhirter and John Cole (7435767) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8661767)
4.00 World Indoor Bowls Championships. Dougie Donnelly introduces action from the Midland Bank championship from the Guild Hall, Preston. The commentators are David Rhys Jones, Jimmy Davidson, David McGill and John Bell (s) (97309)
5.30 Food and Drink. Includes porridge tasting (r) (s) (767)
6.00 Film: Wichita (1955) starring Joel McCrea, Vera Miles and Lloyd Bridges. Crisp little western in which Wyatt Earp cleans up a wild Kansas town. Directed by Jacques Tourneur (9509380) Wales: Japanese Language and People 6.30 Off the Back of a Lorry 7.00 Advice Shop
7.20 Animation Now. Two claymations from Hungary (523336)
7.30 First Sight: Rotten Boroughs. Fiona Bruce reports on the 20 London boroughs who have been, or are, under investigation for fraud or corruption (816). Wales. Citizen Smith: East: Matter of Fact; Midlands: Midlands Report; North, North-east and North-west: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; South-west Close Up; West. Close Up West
8.00 The Snow Show presented by Muriel Gray. Includes French extreme skiers in action and an interview with the Osmond boys (3274)
8.30 Top Gear. Chris Goffey compares the new Citroën Xantia with its family saloon rival, the Ford Mondeo; and Tony Mason joins the Claret and Classic rally which takes in the wine chateaux of the Loire Valley (s) (2309)



Hollywood spoof: Saunders plays Jodie Foster (9.00pm)

9.00 French and Saunders. Dawn and Jennifer pay comic tribute to *The Silence of the Lambs*, preview a mini-series of a Jackie Collins *oeuvre*, *Lucky Bitches* and salute the Mommas and the Poppas. (Ceefax) (2767)
9.30 The Trouble With Medicine. The last in the series focuses on different countries treatment of Aids victims (s) (281670)
10.20 Wayne's World. American comedy series starring Mike Myers and Dana Carvey. Tonight they are joined by John Goodman (359212)
10.30 Newsnight presented by Jeremy Paxman. Includes a report on the crises in local councils (207038)
11.15 The Late Show. A Scottish special features Rab C. Nesbitt and details of the only British performance of Peter Brook's new and controversial work *Impressions de Pelléas* (s) (358496)
11.55 Weather (359093)
12.00 Jumpcuts. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (7848152)
12.05am Instruments — Made to Measure. The importance of accurate instrumentation in modern industry (7267862). Ends at **12.35**

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ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV presented by Michael Wilson until **7.00** when Eamonn Holmes and Fiona Armstrong take over. The guests include Antonia Vargas, one of the stars of the film *Strictly Ballroom* (8995800)
9.25 Jeopardy! Quiz hosted by Steve Jones (9150309) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6428090)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion (9735748)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine series (80297380)
12.10 Riddlers on the Road For the very young (7746485)
12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Teletext) Weather (1672564) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (80285380)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (962477) **1.45 A Country Practice** Medical drama (s) (961748)
2.15 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond goes behind the scenes of popular ITV and Channel 4 programmes Last in the series (953729) **2.45 Take the High Road** Highlands-based soap (2674090)
3.10 ITN News headlines (7708380) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7707651) **3.20 Blockbusters** (s) (5671632)
3.50 Where's Wally?. Animation (2523831) **4.15 Mike and Angelo** (s) (3826835) **4.35 Tiny Toon Adventures** (3813477) **5.00 Cartoon** (1259496)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8664038)
5.40 Early Evening News with Dermot Murnaghan. (Teletext) Weather (191458) **6.00 London Tonight**. (Teletext) (30380)
7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Teletext) (4380)

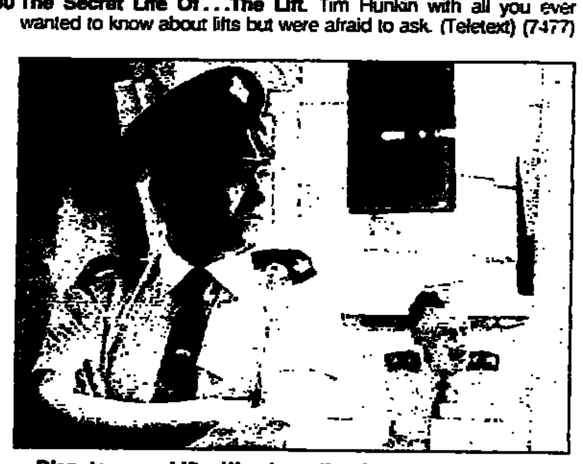


Life without her Siamese twin: Eilish and father (7.30pm)

7.30 3D.
● CHOICE. A new current affairs series, hosted by Julia Somerville, promises "hard hitting human stories" with a "fresh and attractive" approach. The main novelty is running three short items in the half hour. The project opens strongly with a follow up to last year's remarkable *First Tuesday* documentary about the Irish Siamese twins, Katie and Eilish Holton. That film charted the parents' decision to have the three-year-old girls separated by surgery and Katie's subsequent death. Nine months on, the cameras return to the family for an encouraging progress report on the surviving twin. Tonight's programme also highlights the danger of lap-only seat belts fitted to the middle rear seats of most British cars. A teenager crippled for life after an accident is planning to sue the car manufacturer for £1m compensation. This follows the success of a similar case in the United States (s) (670)
8.00 The Bill: Hypocritical Oath. After a failed operation to uncover drug couriers on an estate, DCs Woods and Carver are left to wonder if they can trust anyone. (Teletext) (7800)
8.30 Minder: The Roof of All Evil. Arthur's hopes of cornering the satellite dish market are scuppered by Ray's interest in a customer's daughter. (Teletext) (72545)
9.30 Disguises. The first of a series in which reporters assume new identities. In a two-part investigation Adam Holloway lives as a schizophrenic to see if the community really cares for people in their condition. (Teletext) (42125)
10.00 News at Ten with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (86926) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (105534)
10.40 Big City. A guide to London's entertainment scene (553729)
11.15 Film: Rollerball (1975) starring James Caan, John Houseman and Ralph Richardson. Tough and intriguing drama, set in the 21st century in a society that has outlawed war and people work out their aggressions in the sport of rollerball, a form of basketball played on motorcycles. Directed by Norman Jewison (81404496)
1.30am Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (79794)
2.00 America's Top Ten (s) (75959)
2.30 Donahue. Parents who brainwash their children (95572)
3.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Romance Machine. A tale with a twist introduced by the master of suspense (r) (78046)
4.00 Entertainment UK. Leisure guide (r) (s) (61539)
5.00 Riviera. French soap (17978)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (37591). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.45 Spiff and Hercules. Animation (9027835)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Dannii Minogue (36125)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Bill Cosby's game show (s) (15583)
9.30 Schools (605038)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Zeinab Badawi with news from both Houses (36449)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series. The guest is Carol Channing (65767) **1.30 Lift Off.** Children's entertainment (29274)
2.00 Film: Life Begins In College (1937, b/w) starring the Ritz Brothers. Predictable comedy about a trio of football-mad college boys. Directed by William A. Seiter (486011)
3.40 Masterworks. An appreciation of *The Baptism of Christ* by the 16th-century Flemish painter, Joachim Patenier, which hangs in the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna (8465941)
3.55 Food File. Linford Christie and Ray Wilkins discuss the importance of diet for people taking part in sport at any level (r) (8240496)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game introduced by Richard Whiteley. (Teletext) (s) (583)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are couples on the verge of divorce because they cannot come to terms with their partner's dreams of success (s) (8504903)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout Classic children's entertainment (623748)
6.00 The Word — Access All Areas. A behind-the-scenes look at last Friday's edition of *The Word* (748)
6.30 Gamesmaster Video and computer games show. The guests is comedienne Josie Lawrence (800)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Fiona Murch (Teletext) (500729)
7.50 Comment (146729)
8.00 Close To Home. A report from Belfast, the only part of the United Kingdom where abortion is illegal (1670)
8.30 The Secret Life Of . . . The Lift. Tim Hunkin with all you ever wanted to know about lifts but were afraid to ask. (Teletext) (7477)



Dispute over shifts: Wandsworth prison officers (9.00pm)

9.00 Turning the Screws.
● CHOICE: The second part of Roger Graef's documentary on Wandsworth prison is again much more about the staff than the prisoners. From time to time we see inmates facing disciplinary charges but the bulk of the film is concerned with the progress of the industrial dispute whose origins were charted last week. The management wants to introduce new shift patterns so that prisoners have more time out of their cells. The men agree with the aim but say it will mean longer working hours. They push for extra manpower. The governor says his hands are tied. Graef allows us to eavesdrop on private meetings of managers and prison officers as each side considers its next move. Thanks to the electronic fly on the wall we often have a better overall picture of the dispute than the participants themselves. (Teletext) (5729)
10.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. Always funny and sometimes hilarious topical comedy series set in a television newsroom (s) (86908)
10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? Imrovised comedy from Sandy Toksvig, Josie lawrence, Mike McShane and Arthur Smith. Clive Anderson attempts to control proveedings (r) (s) (555187)
11.05 The Avengers (b/w). Spoof secret agent series from the sixties starring Patrick Macnee, Honor Blackman and, in this episode Warren Mitchell and Fenella Fielding (105941)
12.10am Dispatches. A repeat of yesterday's documentary about allegations of torture and murder by the South African police (3283084)
1.00 The Dick Powell Theatre: The Third Side of a Coin (b/w). Drama about a man trying to help his brother who is being blackmailed. Starring John Forsythe and June Allyson (r) (4778959)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (5671632) **5.10-5.40** Dinosaurs (8664038) **6.00** Home and Away (988187) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (853038) **10.40** Anglia Tonight (516187) **11.10** Wideangle (493903) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (795903) **12.35** Coach (3084510) **1.05** Wrestling (6761012) **1.45** Film: Pancho Villa (677572) **3.25** America's Top Ten (60904626) **3.55** Nite Bites (42033065) **4.20** Izzy Stradlin (97954997) **4.30** Riviera (48336) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (17978)

BORDER
As London except: 2.45-3.10 Wild World of the East (2674090) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5671632) **6.00** Lookaround (106) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (458) **10.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (306748) **11.35** The Good Sex Guide (272632) **12.05** Married...With Children (7261688) **12.35** Coach (3084510) **1.05** Wrestling (5487423) **1.45** Film: Pancho Villa (979442) **3.25** America's Top Ten (60904626) **3.55** Nite Bites (42033065) **4.20** Izzy Stradlin (97954997) **4.30** Riviera (48336)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (962477) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (961748) **3.20-3.50** GP (5671632) **5.10-5.40** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (8664038) **6.00** Home and Away (988187) **6.25-7.00** Central News (996106) **10.40** Central Lobby (516187) **11.10** 1st Night (483903) **11.40** Married...With Children (271903) **12.10** The Equalizer (9148084) **1.05** Hollywood Report (7133626) **1.35** The Little Picture Show (169133) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9034268) **3.05** Top Ten

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (962477) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (916748) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5671632) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8664038) **6.00** Home and Away (106) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (458) **10.40** Families (306748) **11.35** The Good Sex Guide (272632) **12.05** Married...With Children (7261688) **12.35** Coach (3084510) **1.05** Wrestling (6761012) **1.45** Film: Pancho Villa (677572) **3.25** America's Top Ten

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (961748) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5671632) **6.00** HTV News (106) **6.30-7.00** Living Memory (458) **10.40** The West This Week (290748) **11.25** HTV Weekend Outlook (303941) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (795903) **12.35** Coach (3084510) **1.05** Wrestling (6761012) **1.45** Film: Pancho Villa (677572) **3.25** America's Top Ten (60904626) **3.55** Nite Bites (42033065) **4.20** Izzy Stradlin (97954997) **4.30** Riviera (48336) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (17978)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** The Really Helpful Programme **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week **10.40** Weekend Ahead! **10.55** Wales and Westminster **11.25-11.40** Rock Sport

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (5671632) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (106) **6.30-7.00** Jeopardy! (458) **10.40** The Pier (577309) **11.20** Prisoner: Cell Block H (456477) **12.15** War of the Worlds (403065) **1.15-1.30** The Twilight Zone (8620220) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (17978)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (5671632) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (509670) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (458) **10.40** Put It In Writing (516187) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (450293) **12.05** Film: Psychomania (931065) **1.45** America's Top Ten (93256) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5608084) **2.45** Film: Timeslip (187404) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (3521607)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 3.20-3.50 A Country Practice (5671632) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (30380) **10.40** The Good Sex Guide (516187) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (450293) **12.10** Disaster Chronicles (8993065) **12.35** Coach (3084510) **1.05** Wrestling (6761012) **1.45** Film. Pancho Villa (677572) **3.25** America's Top Ten (60904626) **3.55** Nite Bites (42033065) **4.20** Izzy Stradlin (97954997) **4.30** Riviera (48336) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (17978)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (5671632) **5.55** Calendar (509670) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (458) **10.40** Edit V (516187) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (450293) **12.35** Film: Psychomania (307959) **1.45** America's Top Ten (93256) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (91317) **2.45** Film: Timeslip (187404) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (3521607)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (36125) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (15583) **9.30** Ysgolion (605038) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (36449) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (20903) **1.00** Sesame Street (25458) **2.00** Film: Big Deal at Dodge City (61019) **3.30** The Three Stooges (6797583) **3.55** Food File (6772274) **4.25** Slot 23 (8483090) **5.00** Countdown (9458) **5.30** Gamesmaster (835) **6.00** News (364583) **6.10** Heno (966941) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2922) **7.30** Tony Ac Aloma (212) **8.00** Crwydro'r Cylandr (1670) **8.30** News (927598) **8.55** Taro 9 (301106) **9.30** Operation Hospital (40767) **10.00** Drop the Dead Donkey (86908) **10.30** Film: Another Time Another Place (23736552) **12.25-12.55** The Word — Access All Areas (7275881)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (36934309) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5329941) **9.10** Cartoons (8073019) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (75477) **10.00** Strike It Rich (34293) **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (53767) **11.00** Hart to Hart (51458) **12.00** Falcon Crest (85800) **1.00pm** E Street (55274) **1.30** Another World (9462093) **2.15** Santa Barbara (591903) **2.45** Maude (590274) **3.15** The New Leave It To Beaver (597187) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (7032926) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6125) **6.00** Rescue (5767) **6.30** E Street (6019) **7.00** Alf (9854) **7.30** Family Ties (5903) **8.00** Full House (5274) **8.30** Melrose Place (44361) **9.30** Chances (49106) **10.30** Studs (54496) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (65651) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (56564) **8.30** News and Business Report (269545) **9.30** Nightline (51651) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (26477) **11.30** International Business Report (46019) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (20293) **1.30** Good Morning America (21922) **2.30** Parliament Live (3718748) **3.15** Parliament Live (2107038) **4.30** News and Business Report (2816) **5.00** Live at Five (36361) **6.30** News and Business Report (56835) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (3545) **10.30** Nightline (58632) **11.30** ABC News (46309) **12.30am** *Financial Times* Reports (99065) **1.30** ABC News (68510) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (98268) **3.30** ABC News (93713) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (95510) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (99355)

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (2479038)
10.00 The Bride in Black (1990). Susan Lucci's husband is killed (80309)
12.00 The Last of the Secret Agents? (1966): Spoof on spy films starring Marty Allen and Steve Rossi (49125)
2.00pm Some Kind of a Nut (1969): Dick Van Dyke's beard is frowned upon (14380)
4.00 Hello Down There (1969). Tony Randall and family live underwater (6859)
6.00 The Bride in Black (as 10am) (74320654) **7.40 Entertainment Tonight**
8.00 The Pope Must Die (1991): Comic Strip satire with Robbie Coltrane (54831)
10.00 The Exorcist III (1990): George C. Scott investigates a series of sacrilegious murders (645545)
11.50 The House Where Evil Dwells (1982). Japanese ghosts haunt an American family. With Edward Albert (802075)
1.20am Marked for Death (1990): Steven Seagal fights Basil Wallace (7597510)
2.50 Prison (1988): The spirit of an executed prisoner takes revenge (735065)
4.30 Roger and Me (1989): Documentary about the closure of a car plant in Flint, Michigan (90065). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Bridge on the River Kwai (1957): Drama about British POWs in Japan. Starring Alec Guinness (67594336)
8.40 The Missionary (1983): Michael Palin sets up a home for fallen women (2938458)
10.10 A Private Function (1985): Alan Bennett's comedy (452922). Ends at **11.50**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
7.00am Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead (1991): Tom Stoppard's comic appendage to *Hamlet* (78125)
9.00 April Morning (1988): American civil war drama with Tommy Lee Jones (37380)
11.00 Branded (1950): Western starring Alan Ladd and Charles Bickford (46962651)
12.50pm Another Time, Another Place (1958): Lana Turner falls in love with Barry Sullivan in wartime London (39764256)
2.35 Little Norse Prince (6929583)
4.05 Treasure Island: Animated version of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic (8752800)
5.30 Columbo: Death Hits the Jackpot (1991): Peter Falk investigates (91746767)
7.10 Memphis (1991): Racial drama set in America's Deep South (58977564)
9.00 One Good Cop (1991): Michael Keaton has to support his dead partner's three daughters (26034)
11.00 Disturbed (1990): Malcolm McDowell plays a crazy psychiatrist (522380)
12.45am Red Wind (1991): Lisa Hartman stars as a sexual psychologist (341688)
2.20 Prayer of the Rollerboys (1990): Corey Haim infiltrates a gang (496539)
4.00 St Louis Blues (1958). Biopic of the songwriter W.C. Handy (524572)
5.35 Tarantula (1955): A giant spider is let loose (4330268). Ends at **6.45**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (78651) **7.00** German Football (10125) **9.00** Stretch (21767) **9.30** Muscle Night (95019) **10.30** Blue Grass Aggression (60835) **11.30** Stretch (18632) **12.00** Cricket: England in India (48922) **1.00pm** Ringside (80496) **3.00** FIA Rally (64729) **5.00** High Five (3458) **5.30** Motorworld (8496) **6.00** Soccer News (690670) **6.03** Wrestling (44106) **7.00** Netbusters (6922) **7.30** Red Line (88670) **8.30** The Boot Room (19699) **9.30** Golf (90583) **11.30** German Football (92075) **1.30-2.00am** The Club Show (35292) **3.15-8.00** One-Day International Cricket: India v England from Bangalore

EUROSPORT
8.00am Step Aerobics (26212) **8.30** Tennis (12428361) **10.20** Nordic Skiing (18164670) **1.00pm** American College Basketball (75564) **3.00** Tennis (930496) **6.00** Trans World Sport (39274) **7.00** Basketball (96545) **9.00** Ford Ski Report (57019) **10.00** Football 1994 World Cup Qualifiers (98564) **11.30-12.00** Eurosport News (83583)

SCREENSPORT
7.00am Football Europa (12583) **7.30** Monster Trucks (91090) **8.00** Ladies Pro Ten Pin Bowling (92941) **9.00** Cycling Tour of Taiwan (90922) **10.00** Ice Hockey (48293) **11.30** Basketball (54293) **1.30pm** Monster Trucks (53800) **2.00** Snooker (796854) **4.30** World Cup '94 Qualifiers (63941) **6.30** Longitude (7903) **7.00** Adventure Sport (4564) **7.30** Auto Action: Toyota Grand Prix of Miami (86212) **8.30** Football Holland (34011) **9.30** American Football: Superbowl — Dallas v Buffalo (96125) **11.30-12.30am** Auto Action (as 7.30pm) (79651)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (38722187) **6.15** Button Moon (38743670) **6.30** Bucky O'Hare (1542941) **7.00** Bravestarr (3782458) **7.30** Neighbours (3794293) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5376090) **8.30** EastEnders (5375361) **9.00** The Bill (5399941) **9.30** The Onedin Line (5105748) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (7191477) **11.30** Don't Wait Up (5270075) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (5386477) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5968922) **1.00** EastEnders (3781729) **1.30** The Bill (5967293) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (7199106) **2.30** French Fields (3202651) **3.00** Dallas (1670011) **4.00** Bravestarr (3293903) **4.30** Duke Wilson (3299187) **5.00** Candid Camera (7180458) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (3213767) **6.00** Neighbours (3203380) **6.30** The Onedin Line (2595908) **7.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (3290816) **8.00** EastEnders (7102670) **8.30** French Fields (7198477) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (3912800) **10.00** The Bill (5387106) **10.30** Carrott Confidential (5396854) **11.00** Dick Emery (1575467) **11.30** Film: Point Blank (1967) starring Lee Marvin (8375583) **1.00am** Videos (9328775)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Binomials and Trigonometry
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew Lyle. Including Stradella (Sonata for two string choirs and trumpet); Debussy (Cello Sonata); Haydn (Symphony No 30 in C, Alleluja); Beethoven (Sonata in E, Op 109)
9.00 Composers of the Week: J.C Bach and His London Contemporaries. J.C. Bach (Overture, La calamità de cuori; Misero me . . . Nel partir, bell' idio mio, La Clemenza di Scipione); Charles Dibdin (The Brickdust Man); Storace (Ah, se Poro mai vede . . . Digli che son fedele); J.C. Bach (Sextet for oboe, two horns, violin, cello and keyboard)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Janáček (Opening scene, How Sharp-Ears Was Caught, The Cunning Little Vixen: Thomas Allen, baritone; Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, under Simon Rattle); Dvořák (Cypresses — excerpts: English Quartet); Suk (About Mother, Op 28: Margaret Fingerhut, piano); Klement Slavicky (Psalmi): Milan Slavicky (Beatus vir: BBC Singers under Ronald Corp, with Margaret Phillips, organ); Martinů (Oboe Concerto: John Anderson; Philharmonia Orchestra under Simon Wright); Janáček (Finale, The Young Sharp-Ears is the spitting image of her mother, The Cunning Little Vixen: Thomas Allen, baritone; Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, under Simon Rattle)
12.00 Late Brahms: Three Intermezzos, Op 117; Clarinet Quintet in B minor, Op 115 (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Three French Operas: Les Musiciens du Louvre under Marc Minkowski perform *Les amours de Ragonde*. With music by Jean-Joseph Mouret and words by Néricault; **2.05** The Netherlands Radio Chamber Orchestra and choir perform *Joseph*. With music by Méhul and words by Duval; **3.10** BBC Concert Orchestra under Anthony Hose performs Gounod's operetta, *La Colombe*
5.00 In Tune: Natalie Wheen talks to the soprano Jane Manning
7.30 London Symphony Orchestra
● CHOICE: This live concert from London's Barbican Hall, with Rostropovich conducting and with Elena Prokina, soprano, and Mikhail Krutikov, bass, as soloists, launches the LSO's Festival of Britten. Paradoxically, none of the works is a Britten original. They are his arrangement of the second movement of Mahler's Symphony No 3, Shostakovich's Symphony No 14, which was dedicated to Britten, and Colin Matthews's Memorial, receiving its world premiere. In the interval at **8.05**, Gerard McBurney talks about the poems used in Shostakovich's No 14
9.30 Hits of the Twenties: Professor Jerry Smith examines the music scene in post-revolutionary Russia, and plays "Over Hills, Over Valleys"
9.40 Baroque Violin Sonatas: Elizabeth Wallfisch, violin, Suki Towb, cello, Paul Nicholson, harpsichord/chamber organ, perform Corelli (Sonata in F, Op 5 No 4); Locatelli (Sonata da camera in F minor, Op 6 No 7)
10.15 The Myth Maker: The American record producer George Avakian talks about his work with the tenor saxophonist Sonny Rollins (r)
10.45 Night Waves: Waldemar Januszczak presents the arts magazine
11.30 French Impressions: Richard Langham Smith presents the first of four programmes of French orchestral music leading up to the Impressionists. Saint-Saëns (Phaéton: Philharmonia under Charles Dutoit); Chabrier (Suite pastorale: Ulster Orchestra under Yan Pascal Tortelier); Fauré (Pavane: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Massenet (Cigale, Act 2. Enid Hartle, mezzo; National PO under Richard Bonynge)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.00 Night School (except in Scotland, as Radio 5 at 9.15am and 1.05pm)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waite (r)
9.30 The Cutting Edge: The parents of a Down's Syndrome child seek reconstructive surgery
10.00-10.30 News; Good Wives (FM only), by Louisa May Alcott (3/6)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 Revelations of Divine Love (LW only), by Julian of Norwich. Read by Hannah Gordon (6/12)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Marya Burgess investigates how pollution affects the health and development of children. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 You and Yours, with Linda Lewis
12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past: Paul Boateng, MP, chairs a light-hearted historical discussion. With Nigel Dempster, Jimmy Mulville, Rosie Boycott and Patrick Barlow **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; The Architect's Dream, by Neil Rhodes. As a young man, Ashley fantasised about building two mile-high cities. Now retired, he meets former banker Eric, who thinks that fantasy can become reality. With John Baddeley and Richard Tate
3.00 Against the Grain (FM only): Ring Ann Marie Hourihane on 071-580 444
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews *Happy Days* at the West Yorkshire Playhouse and *The Artifice* at the Orange Tree in Richmond; and talks to Debbie Horsfield about her ten-part football drama on Radio 5
4.45 Short Story: Lappin and Lapinova, by Virginia Woolf. Read by June Barrie
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Deadlock: Kathleen Turner stars as V.I. Warshawski in an adaptation of Sara Paretsky's novel (5/6)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Soundtrack: The English New Yorker
● CHOICE: Paula Roberts is a failed secretary, British-born and living and working in New York where she is much in demand as a psychic. Her satisfied clients include an investment adviser who wants to know what shape the American economy will be in during the next 18 months. George Bush would not have been one of her regular customers. She predicted he would be back in the White House this year. She has other limitations. When a male caller forgot to leave his phone number on the answerphone, her psychic powers could not tell her how to make contact with him
8.00 Analysis: Greening World Trade. Frances Cairncross asks if the world trading system can be given a greener hue without opening the way to protectionism
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? with Kati Whitaker. For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Queen of the Tambourine, by Jane Gardam. Read by Dorothy Tutin (4/10)
11.00 Exocet: Orders from the PM. An adaptation of Jack Higgins's thriller set during the Falklands war (2/4)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: FM-90.2-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Classic FM: FM-100-102.

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** Lynn Parsons's Mega Hits **6.30** News '93 **7.00** Steve Lamacq's Evening Session **9.00** In Concert: Kirsty MacColl and The Saw Doctors, recorded at the 1992 Glastonbury Festival **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

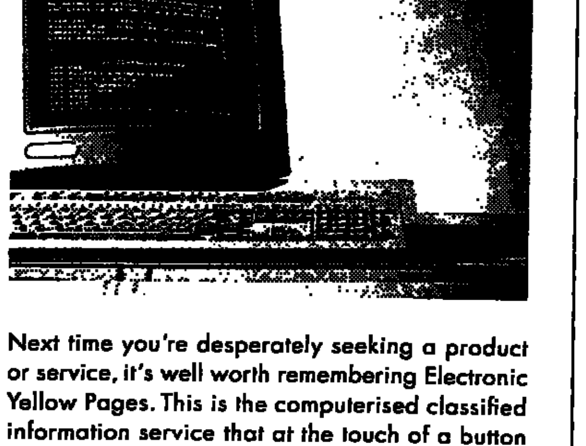
RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** For Better or for Worse (3/8) **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Radio 2 Ballroom (r) **10.00** Paul Jones **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm**. **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.15** Schools. Together — An Assembly for Schools **9.35** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **11.30** BFBS Worldwide **12.30pm** Kitchen Cabinet **1.05** Schools: Let's Make a Story; **1.20** Listening and Reading; **1.30** The Song Tree — Music Course 1; **1.45** In the News **2.10** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **7.15** Glubbslyme (4/7) **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Vibe! **9.30** Red Devils: A football drama by Debbie Horsfield (1/10) **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport **3.25-7.00** Cricket: India v England in a one-day international from Bangalore

WORLD SERVICE
All times in GMT. **4.30am** World Business Report **4.40** Travel and Weather News **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** World and British News **6.14** Travel News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Network UK **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Good Books **8.30** John Peel **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** From Our Own Correspondent **9.30** The Farming World **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Assignment **10.30** Two Cheers for February **11.00** Newsdesk **11.29** Travel **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Midday** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf Yakshi **2.45** Recording of the Week **3.00** News **3.15** Classics with Kay **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** World News and Business Report **5.14** Travel News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** World News **8.10** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe Tonight **9.00** Newshour **10.00** World News **10.10** News About Britain **10.15** Network UK **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Music Review **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Eastern Sounds **1.00** World News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Seven Seas **1.45** Global Concerns **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Rat Race **3.00** World News **3.10** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.00** World News **4.15** Mastersingers

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Saint-Saëns (Violin Concerto No 3: Cho-Liang Lin) **3.00** Alan Mann **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Travel Guide with Alastair McKenzie **8.00** Classic FM Concert. The London Philharmonic during the second world war **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

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Bobby Moore, England captain of grace and vision


Moore: winner with West Ham



David Miller, chief sports correspondent, pays tribute to the man who led English football to its crowning moment, the 1966 World Cup

The measure of Bobby Moore's standing as one of the finest central defenders of all time is that admiration of him by his contemporary foreign international colleagues around the world exceeded even that of his most devoted spectators at home. Moore, who died yesterday of cancer at 51, carried an aura that was simultaneously graceful and intimidating.

His gift for the game was as much in his head as his feet. Arriving on the English scene as one of the youngest captains in a new era overrun by fanciful technical terminology, there was never a player, anywhere, who was a better reader of the game. To find a way past him was like searching for the exit from Hampton Court maze.

This uncanny ability to be always in the right place, allied to tackling that was almost invisibly ferocious, plus a vision that personified the so-called West Ham academy, made him a figure feared as much by opposing managers as by players. Bobby Moore was a defender who won great matches.

Though he is remembered for leading England to victory in 1966, his peak was undoubtedly reached four years later when England unsuccessfully defended their title in Mexico. It is no exaggeration to say that, for all the scepticism surrounding the systemised tactics of Alf Ramsey, Brazil, then at their greatest, were as much afraid of England as England were of the ultimate champions.

At the heart of this unfeigned respect for England was Moore, consuming in his capacity to control and direct a match from the back. Both he and Franz Beckenbauer were old-fashioned wing halves converted to central defenders. If Beckenbauer was the more gifted coming forward, Moore was unquestionably the more accomplished defender.

At the conclusion of the first-round match in Mexico, which England might have won but which went to Brazil by the only goal, the respect, not to say affection, between him and Pelé was apparent to all.

When, a week ago, I was in Rio, Carlos Alberto, Brazil's captain that day in Guadalajara, asked me to be sure to give Moore his regards, having heard of his illness. I never had the opportunity. Wherever I went in Rio and then Buenos Aires, concern for Moore was evident from every footballer, every official, every journalist. He inspired the kind of reverence for a sportsman that is rare for one who was so little a showman.

Moore, without the same flamboyance, had stepped into the gap that was left by the death of Duncan Edwards in the Munich crash. It is fair to say that his impact on England's fortunes in the coming years was as far-reaching as might have been that of the indomitable Edwards.

So assured was Moore in his prime that he could play almost on autopilot, and there was criticism, not unjust, that on some afternoons, when at his most mature, he was not giving heart and soul to the interests of West Ham, never mind that he led them to previously unattained Cup triumphs. He could be brilliant almost without thinking about it.

Although there were few who could discretely settle a score so emphatically with a robust rival, Moore was the epitome of fair play. His positioning, timing and ability to intercept were such that he did not need to be underhand, the more remarkable because he was anything but quick.

His international opening had come suddenly in Peru immediately before the World Cup finals of 1962 in Chile, when Bobby Robson was injured. Moore stepped into the team without a qualm, and remained a cornerstone for the next 11 years. His stability as a player stemmed from temperament as well as intelligence. It was rare to see him flustered or hurried, and his equanimity infected his colleagues.

As captain, after the era of Johnny Haynes, he was in the tradition of two other characteristic English defenders, George Hardwick and Billy Wright. He led by example and inspiration rather than vocal direction.

As a manager, he never found the touch, drive or communication that might have built a second career in the game. It is a pity that the FA never sensed the opportunity to exploit his dignity and personality, working on their behalf among young footballers. On the battlefields of the game, Bobby Moore was always the regimental drummer, a leader by nerve and resolution.

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Venables ready to fight for Barmby

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

THE club versus country dispute between Tottenham Hotspur and the Football Association intensified yesterday. The argument centres on whether Terry Venables, the Tottenham chief executive, has the right to withdraw Nick Barmby from the England squad due to leave for Australia and the World Youth Cup on Sunday.

Allowing Barmby to join the party assembling on Saturday night would mean Venables losing his exciting 19-year-old striker for Tottenham's FA Cup sixth-round tie against Manchester City at Maine Road on March 7.

The FA has hinted that it might suspend Tottenham from the Cup, impose a hefty fine or refuse to nominate them for future European competition if Barmby is withdrawn. Venables spent yesterday with the club's lawyers, determining the viability of these threats, and will announce his decision at White Hart Lane at lunchtime today.

A press conference was originally scheduled for yesterday, when it was expected that Venables would announce Barmby was staying in England, but with his lawyers urging caution, Venables agreed to defer a final decision. It is possible that the dispute could become the subject of legal action.

If Barmby fails to fly to Australia the FA will charge Tottenham Hotspur with misconduct, the penalties for which range from a suspended fine to deduction of Premier League points and elimination from the FA Cup.

Tottenham's position is undermined by the fact that they are standing alone, other clubs with players in the 18-strong squad having acquiesed to the demands from Lancaster Gate.

Middlesbrough, for instance, will lose Jamie Pollock, arguably their best midfield player, for the duration of the tournament, from March 5 to 20. Pollock's absence could prove the difference between Middlesbrough retaining their Premier League status or being relegated, which would cost £1 million in lost revenue.

It is understood that Middlesbrough failed to fight the FA over Pollock after being given grounds to fear the deduction of league points. An FA spokesman yesterday refused to confirm or deny this. "A misconduct charge can carry a variety of punishments, the deduction of league points being at the severe end of the scale," he said. "It depends what is appropriate in the circumstances."

Pollock said: "It is a terrible feeling. It is a dream trip to Australia with England but I feel I am letting Middlesbrough down by not doing my bit to keep us up."

Leicester City will also have to make do without Julian Joachim, one of their most effective forwards, at a time when they are challenging for a place in the first division promotion play-offs, while Sheffield Wednesday — nurturing cup and championship ambitions — must cope without the midfield influence of Chris Bart-Williams. Like Middlesbrough, neither club is protesting.

Venables, however, is voicing the concern of not only club managers but also supporters. The coach when the England under-21 team last won a European title ten years ago, Venables played for England at every level and has a good record of releasing players for international duty.

On this occasion he had been willing to compromise by paying for Barmby to fly to Australia after the FA Cup quarter-finals — an offer refused by the FA. Venables argued that releasing Barmby would "damage Tottenham and its supporters." His view was endorsed by George Graham, the Arsenal manager, who is resigned to losing Ian Selley for the tournament. "As a young professional I think Selley would benefit more from playing six Premier League, FA and Coca-Cola Cup games than playing in a youth competition," he said.


Reaching for success: Austin makes a welcome return to the game with straight-sets victory at Indian Wells


Prodigy: Austin in her prime

Austin speeds to comeback triumph

TEN years of injury and disappointment have ended in triumph for the former world No. 1 woman tennis player, Tracy Austin (Andrew Longmore writes).

At the age of 30 and in her first competitive match for four years, Austin beat Rennae Stubbs, of Australia, to reach the second round of the Evert Cup in Indian Wells, California.

It was the two-time United States Open champion's first professional win since 1984. Austin has spent much of the past decade recovering from the chronic back and neck injuries, which forced to retire at the age of 21.

Like her contemporary teenage prodigy, Andrea Jaeger, Austin seemed a victim of "burn-out" after becoming, at the age of 16 years nine months, the youngest US Open champion in 1979.

A car accident ended a brief comeback in 1989, but the American has always been determined to return.

"There were so many thoughts going through my head," Austin said after her 7-5, 6-4 victory. "Everything from looking back to the accident to thinking about how hard I've been training." She next plays Katerina Maleeva, the No. 2 seed.

Clare Wood, of Britain, upset the tenth seed, Rosalyn Fairbank-Nideffer, of South Africa, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Herbert seeks place on podium

BY A CORRESPONDENT

JOHNNY Herbert yesterday spoke of his determination to emerge from the shadow of Nigel Mansell and establish himself as a leading contender for the 1993 Formula One world championship.

As his employers, Team Castrol Lotus, unveiled their 107B car in London yesterday, Herbert, 28, said he was very encouraged by its performance in testing. The Ford-powered car has fully active suspension.

"It is much, much quicker than last year," Herbert said. "We have made great strides in the last couple of weeks. In fact, I would say we have cracked it. There is no reason why we cannot challenge Williams."

Herbert finished fourteenth in last year's individual standings but has his sights set higher. "I don't want to be the top Brit who sometimes picks up a point," he said. "I want to be on the podium and I feel I can fill the gap left by Mansell.

"Everyone is talking about Damon Hill finishing first and second, but he has not even raced yet." Hill, of Britain, is the No. 2 driver of the world champion Williams team, for whom Alain Prost has replaced Nigel Mansell.

Herbert's team-mate when the 1993 season begins with the South African grand prix next month will be Alessandro Zanardi, of Italy.

Peter Collins, the Lotus managing director, defended grand prix racing in the face of Mansell's defection to the IndyCar circuit.

"Formula One is still the greatest sporting spectacle in the world and will not be threatened by what is a domestic American racing competition," Collins said.

Christie forced out by injury

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

LINFORD Christie, the Olympic 100 metres champion, withdrew yesterday from the AAA indoor championships in Birmingham this weekend, ending discussion about whether he might contest the 60 metres at the world indoor championships in Toronto a fortnight later. A back injury suffered during a weight-training session is expected to stop him running for two weeks.

Nevertheless, Christie, who captained the men's Olympic squad, would still like to make the trip to Toronto. "It would be nice to go as a motivator," he said. "I think I could work little wonders encouraging members of the team." As the squad will be small and inexperienced, Christie's offer may be tempting for the British Athletic Federation.

Christie's announcement, after a visit to a specialist, caught the sport by surprise. A release had announced his participation and the AAA championships, which had no sponsor, had suddenly acquired backing from TSB.

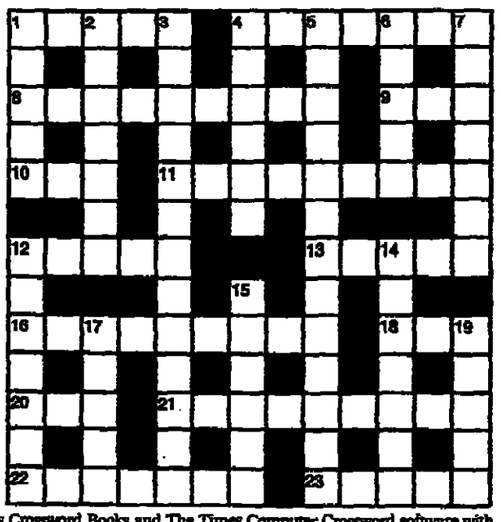
Compounding the embarrassment of those who had to tell TSB, Christie's injury was not new. He had been suffering with it for nine days. But he remains optimistic about building towards his main task of the year: winning the 100 metres world title.

Christie's pre-world championship race against Carl Lewis may yet come to Britain after negotiations to stage it in Las Vegas fell through. "If it does take place, it will take place in Europe," Andy Norman, the promoter acting for Christie, said. Was Britain a possibility? "I don't see why not," he replied.

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16 Bright red (9)
18 Exuberant energy (3)
20 Convent sister (3)
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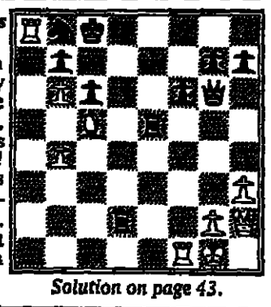
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Current world champion Gary Kasparov's style of play is highly reminiscent of the brilliant Alexander Alekhine, whom Kasparov has always claimed as his intellectual mentor. Today's position is from the game Alekhine — Reshevsky, Kemeri 1937. Can you spot the brilliant combination with which white concluded this game?



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WORD WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

UROLAGNIA
a. Pleasure from peeing
b. Bear's wool
c. A forest fire

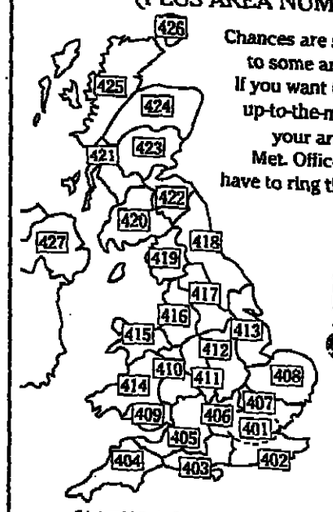
DANDYFUNK
a. A cowardly braggard
b. Hard tack in treacle
c. Phobia of dandelions

KERERU
a. The New Zealand pigeon
b. A ram's horn trumpet
c. Green coral

PUPTON
a. A French pudding
b. Breeding kennels
c. A lactose protein

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